Manila, MNLF reach accord

JEDDAH (AP) — The separatist Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) on Saturday in effect agreed to scale down its demand for an independent homeland and decided to negotiate with the Manila government of President Corazon Aquino for autonomy in Mindanao and four other islands in southern Philippines. A 30-strong MNLF delegation signed an agreement to this effect with a three-member Pilipino government team during a meeting at the Jeddah headquarters of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC). The two sides arrived here on Dec. 30 and commenced informal contacts the next day. MNLF Chairman Nur Missiani had insisted on independence for Mindanao, the homeland for about five million Muslims. The MNLF had been waging war for a self-governing republic in that region, also known as Bongsomoroland, for self-governing republic in that region, also known as Bongsomoroland, for about 15 years. The agreement on self-rule rather than full independence was seen here as a major shift in MNLF spokey todate. A joint statement released by the two teams said that discussions of full autonomy for Mindanao, Basilan, Suhu, Tawi-Tawi and Palawan would continue subject to democratic process



Sabah arrives in Iraq from Syria

BAGHDAD (R) — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabab arrived in Bachdad on Saturday on a previously unannounced visit, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported. The agency said Iraqi Foreign Minister Tareq Aziz met him at the airport. Earlier on Saturday. the Kuwaiti minister was in Damascus to deliver a message from the emir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad (See page 2). Diplomats believed he was trying to ensure that Mr. Assad would attend the Islamic summit meeting to be held in Kuwait later this month. Iraq also has not yet announced who will head its delegation to the summit and observers believe the Kuwairi minister may be asking President Saddam Hussein to participate. Mr. Assad and Mr. Hussein both attended the last Islamic summit in Saudi Arabia in 1981, but a Saudi initiative in reconcile them failed. Diplomats said that while in Damascus. Sheikh Sabah had also been expected in urge Syria to use its influence as a close friend of Iran to stem a war of words waged by Tehran against

Cabinet decides to use

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Cabinet studies concerning the country's decided on Saturday to employ projects.

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Telecommunications Corporation cheaper rates that what the

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The Jordan News Agency.

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Dakhqan briefs Cabinet on Iraq talks

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Cabinet on Saturday heard a briefing by Minister of Transport Ahmad Dakhqan on his visit to Baghdad and the outcome of meetings of the Jordanian-Iraqi Land Transport Company held during the minister's visit to the Iraqi capital. Mr. Dakhqan and his Iraqi counterpart Abdul Jabbar Al Assadi co-chaired the company board's meeting to discuss its operations and its role in contributing to the development of the economies of both Iraq and Jordan. The meeting was held towards the end of last month.

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DEIR ALLA (Petra) - Her Highness Princess Majeda Ra'ad on Saturday maugurated the Holy Aqsa Shrine Charitable Society's new child centre here and graduated students attending the society's tailoring course.

Algeria to hold election on Feb. 26

ALGIERS (R) — General elections will be held in Algeria on Feb. 26 to choose 295 National Assembly deputies, the official daily El Moudjahid reported Saturday. President Chadli Benjedid announced the elections last November but set no date.

New U.S. envoy arrives in Rome

ROME (R) — The new U.S. ambassador to the Vatican arrived in Italy on Saturday to replace a colleague who resigned over an unauthorised meeting with Libyan leader Muammar Qadhafi, airport officials said. Frank Shakespeare, the new envoy, will present his credentials to Pope John Paul at a private audience on Thursday, Vatican officials said. Mr. Shakespeare, 61, a former president of the CBS Television network, replaces William Wilson, a close friend of President Reagan. Mr. Wilson stepped down in May. He was reprimanded by the State Department after it was revealed in January that be had gone to Tripoli to see Colonel Qadhafi at a time when Washington was accusing Libya of being behind guerrilla attacks at Rome and Vienna airports a few weeks

Saud meets Danish minister

RIYADH (AP) — Danish Foreign Minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen held wide-ranging talks Saturday on political and economic cooperation with the Sandi Arabian leadership at the start of a three-state tour which will take him to North Yemen and Oman. He met with his Saudi counterpart Prince Saud Al Faisal and the newly-appointed Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, also the kingdom's long-standing planning minister. Mr. Ellemann-Jensen was scheduled to have an audience with King Fahd later in the day. The official Saudi Press Agency said the talks between Mr. Ellemann-Jensen and Prince Saud focused on the Palestinian problem and Iran-Iraq war.

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8-member Arab committee meets on Amal-PLO conflict

Tunis meeting seeks ways to end 'camps war'

TUNIS (Agencies) — A special Arab League committee of foreign ministers formed to try to end the "camps war" in Lebanon was meeting Saturday night to discuss efforts to achieve a truce.

The committee of seven foreign of Palestinian refugee camps in ministers and Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi has asked to visit Lebanon and Syria but no formal reply has yet been received from Damascus, Arab diplomatic sources told Reuter.

Lebanese President Amin Gemayel has, however, indicated he would receive the committee, even though Beirut considers the three-month-old "camps war" an internal matter, the sources

In a compromise gesture to Syria, the committee may decide to send only some of its members to Damascus, which opposed the committee's formation, the sources said. The Palestine Liberation

Organisation (PLO) accuses Syria of direct involvement with Shi ite Amal militia in their bloody siege Taher Al Masri

Lebanon.

Mr. Klibi saw PLO delegate Farouk Kaddoumi on Friday but no details of their talks emerged. The "camps war" committee,



formed nearly two weeks ago at a special Arab League meeting called by the PLO, comprises Mr. Klibi and the foreign ministers of Algeria, current president of the 21-member League Council, Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Tunisia, Kuwaii, Mauritania and North Yemen.

The diplomatic sources said it was not clear how many foreign ministers were attending Saturday night's dinner discussions.

Jordan has sent its foreign minister, Taher Al Masri, to the

Mauritania was sending its foreign minister, Tunisia its secretary of state at the Foreign Ministry and North Yemen its permanent representative to the Tunis-based league.

The committee is due to report on its peace mission to another Arab League foreign ministers' meeting here on Jan. 14.

In Baghdad, Palestinian leaders gathered for a two-day meeting starting to discuss issues ranging from the "camps war" in Lebanon to recent contacts aimed at achieving Palestinian unity.

Relief convoy enters besieged Rashidiyeh camp near Tyre TYRE, Lebanou (R) — Trucks loaded with emergency supplies drove into the beleaguered Palestinian sources said sporadic callby Amalchief Nab days ago for a new years.

Palestinian refugee camp of Palestinian rerugee camp of Rashidiyeh in South Lebanon on Bourj Al Barajneh.

Saturday, witnesses said.

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An Iranian embassy car led the column of five-trucks and four ambulances into the battered shantytown, under siege by Sh? ite Muslim Amal militiamen since Sept. 30.

Iranian diplomat Mohammad Satari told Renters the ambulances would evacuate a number of Palestinians wounded in three months of fighting around the camp, which houses about. 22,000 refugees.

Saturday's convoy was the first to reach Rashidiyeh since Iranian mediators arranged a similar one

on Dec. 13. Iranian, Libyan and Syrian officials have striven to mediate several peace plans to end the battle for control of five refugee

camps in Beirut and the south. Reagan approves \$1.02 trillion

budget WASHINGTON (AP) — President Ronald Reagan on Saturday gave his final approval to a \$1.02-trillion budget that an aide says includes military

expenditures designed to encourage the Soviet Union to bargain seriously on arms control. Meanwhile, the congressional budget office said the record budget would exceed by \$19 billion the deficit limit required by the Gramm-Rudman austerity

In a study released Friday, the budget office said the \$42 billion in cuts and other savings proposed by Mr. Reagan would not meet the \$108-billion Gramm-Rudman deficit limit for fiscal 1988, which

begins Oct. I. The budget office report said the federal deficit, a record \$221 billion in the fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, would fall to \$174 billion in the current fiscal year and to \$169 billion in fiscal 1988.

That would leave a deficit of \$127 billion in fiscal 1988 after Mr. Reagan's \$42 billion in proposed cuts, or \$19 billion more than the Gramm-Rudman limit, the report said.

The administration has predicted that with the president's proposed cuts, the new budget would meet the \$108 billion deficit requirement.

Rashidiyeh after Amal's militia representative in the south, Daoud Daoud, and Shrite mufti (spiritual leader) Abdul Amir Qabalan met officials from the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God) in Tyre.

Another supply column, organised by the U.N. relief and Works Agency for Palestinian refugees (UNRWA), was forced to turn back on Friday, UNRWA sources said.

Mr. Satari said earlier the latest convoy would carry about 10 tonnes of food, as well as medical

supplies into Rashidiyeh.

Palestinians say the refugees' plight has been exacerbated by shortages of fresh water, milk. meat and vegetables.

None has so far taken hold, and Palestinian sources said sporadic call by Amal chief Nabih Berri five clashes continued on Saturday at days ago for a new year ceasefire two Beitut camps, Shatila and and an end to the bloody "camps

He said supplies would be allowed into Rashidiveh. Amal fighters have repeatedly said they would not relax their grip

on the camps until the Palestinians give up their weapons, which many fighters have steadfastly refused to do. Palestinians say they will not

relinquish positions they captured from Amal at the strategic village of Maghdousheh near Sidon until the Shi ite militia reopens access to Rashidiveh. At least 700 people are

reported to have died in Amal-Palestinian fighting since Sept. 30, with Syria and Amal accusing Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's Fatch supporters of neat and vegetables. trying to stage a military
The latest moves to end the comeback in Lebanon.

Lebanon and Cyprus protest Israeli blockade

over the imposition of an Israeli naval blockade on the Lebanese port of Jourieh, an official source said Saturday and in Nicosia, Cyprus, an official spokesman said the Cypriot government had "strongly protested" to Israel over— the interception by the Israeli navy of a ferry boat linking Cyprus with Lebanon.

The Beirnt source, speaking to AP on condition of anonymity, said President Gemayel instructed the Foreign Ministry to "launch a campaign with the ambassadors of the superpowers" with the objective of pressuring Israel to lift the blockade.

An Israeli navy frigate intercepted a Cypriot ferry off the Lebanese coast on Friday and told its skipper that its service between Lebanon's port of Jounieh was

Boat, said the Israeli frigate continuing to transfer to reach the Lebanese port. Palestinian terrorists to Lebanon."

The Sunny Boat was carrying 64 passengers to Jouniel when intercepted: No Palestinians were isted among the passengers, Capt. Vrakas said.

The Israeli action severed the main link between Lebanon's 1.000-square-kilometre mainly Christian enclave, ringed by leftist through Jounieh in recent weeks.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Lebanese forces, and the ontside world.

President Amin Gemayel is protesting to the superpowers Christians working abroad w At least 5,000 Lebanese Christians working abroad who had returned home to spend Christmas and the new year holidays with their families have been trapped by the sudden imposition of the Israeli blockade, the same source told AP.

These people risk losing their jobs if the Israeli blockade is not lifted as soon as possible," the source said.

In Nicosia, government spokesman Petros Voscarides said this is an unacceptable act for which the government has already protested strongly to the Israeli authorities."

"The allegation that the ship was carrying Palestinians is baseless to say the least," Voscarides said. The Sunny Boat's sister ship.

the Empress, sailed from Lamaca the Cypriot port of Lamaca and for Jounieh without any passengers Saturday.

banned "from today."

Angelos Mylonas, a spokesman
Captain Dimitris Vrakas, the for Daphnis Travel, the operating skipper of the 3,782-tonne Sunny company, said the Empress would pick up Lebanese stranded in ordered his ferry back in Lamaca, Jounieh and bring them to charging that the line was Lamaca, if the Israelis allowed it The Empress had been due to

sail for Jounieh Friday night with 150 passengers, "but it left with no passengers at all this morning." Mylonas added. An Israeli army officer charged

earlier this week that forces of President Gemayel have allowed the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) safe passage



receives His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath upon their return home on Saturday after a private visit to Austria. Also at hand to receive the Crown Prince and Princess Sarvath were Chief of Royal Court Marwan Al Qasem, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker and other senior civil and military officials (Petra photo)

2 of 51 aboard Brazilian plane survive Abidjan crash ABIDJAN (Agencies) - A survivors was Lebanese and the other from Ivory Coast. The

Coast and Brazil

French military sources said.

wreckage of the Varig Boeing 707 which crashed 18 kilometres north of Abidjan on the West African coast after developing engine trouble.

Iraqi air raid on the southwestern franian town of Gachsaran onthe crash in dense tropical forest Saturday, Tehran's Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported. But Iraq said its air raid targets were enemy military and which was not accessible by road from the nearby towns of Bingerville and Alepe. The two survivors were pulled

An Iraqi war communique said lragi jettighters hombed Gachsaran's main pumping station at 2:35 p.m.; "scoring destructive and direct hits and

setting the oilfield ablaze." The communique, carried by the Iraqi News Agency, also said Iraqi warplanes attacked Iran's Masjed Suleiman airbase in the southwestern province of Khuzestan, destroying two helicopter gunships on the ground.

Iran says

9 killed

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BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran

said nine people were killed in an

The communique also said Iraqi planes raided Iran's Kharg Island oil terminal for the third day running, to prevent the Iranians from doing reparations on the

The Iraqi communique said Iraqi jets flew a total of 63 combat missions Saturday along the Iran-Iraq warfront, "inflicting substantial losses." The Iraqi air raids came a few

hours after a report by Gulf-based marine salvage experts that the Bahamian-registered tanker Galerie became the first maritime victim of 1987 in the Gulf war. The London-based Lloyds

shipping intelligence unit confirmed the 66,113-ton gross Galerie had been hit in the Gulfon Friday.

The experts also reported smoke billowing from Iran's vital Kharg Island oil terminal at the northern end of the waterway, following the third Iraqi air strike on the first three days of the new

The Galerie was struck by an Iraqi missile ovemight Friday as it was leaving Kharg with a full cargo of Iranian crude oil, said the experts who spoke on condition of anonymity. No injuries among the crew were reported.

The Galerie forms part of the fleet of tankers operated by Iran to shuttle crude from the Kharg terminal to makeshift loading points in the southern sector of the Gulf, for lifting by customers. Kharg accounts for 90 per cent

of Iran's crude oil exports. Iraq imposed an air and sea blockade of the terminal early in 1984, in an effort to throttle Iran's oil-based economy. The Baghdad high command

announced two consecutive raids on Kharg on Thursday and Friday, and another attack on Friday against an "unidentified large maritime target." A further announcement early

Saturday said the latest attack on Kharg Friday night was carried out against the western jetty "to

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Brazilian airliner crashed in a densely wooded area near the Ivory Coast capital Abidjan before dawn Saturday, killing all but two of the 51 people on board,

The sources, quoted by news agencies, said two badly hurnt bodies were pulled out of the French troops stationed in

Abidjan were first on the scene of

out from the smouldering wreckage and rushed by helicopter to an Ahidjan hospital. Abidjan's fire department said

The identities of the 39 or two Camerounians, one or two agreement. Senegalese, a Briton, an American and two West

Nguesso Desou of Abidian's fire department, who went to the were in charge of the situation.

He said the plane crashed in thick forest near the La Me River. Rescue squads had to travel on dirt roads, then on foot through the two survivors were badly injured. It said one of the the site.

were four French marines French news agency Agence winched down from a helicopter at France-Presse (AFP) quoted about 3 a.m., some 75 minutes winched down from a helicopter at rescue workers as saying the after the crash, AFP reported. survivors were from the Ivory The marines found the two

These deputies charged that

In a meeting last September, the

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survivors, Lieutenant-Colonel Jean-Claude Blanche told AFP. passengers and 12 crew aboard Col. Blanche is second in flight RG797 were not released, command of the French unit But Varig said they included one stationed near Abidjan airport Chilean, two French citizens, one under a military cooperation

The flight left Abidjan's Port Bouet airport at 1 a.m. and crashed about 45 minutes later, the airline said in Rio.

The U.S. embassy said it could scene early Saturday morning, not confirm reports that one or told AP that French rescue team possibly two Americans were on board the airliner whose crash was the worst in Ivory Coast's history.

A twin-engined Beechcraft crashed near the Ghanaian border in August 1984, killing all six people on board, including a Liberian government minister.

22 die in Equatorial Guinea air crash

MADRID (AP) — The death toll from the crash of a Spanish air The plane was one of two that force plane off the coast of Equatorial Guinea has risen to 22, Spain's ambassador to the West African country said Saturday. The propeller-driven T-12

Aviocar plane crashed into the Atlantic Friday just after takeoff from the airport at Bata, Equatorial Guinea. The Spanish Foreign Ministry mitially said 18 people had been aboard the plane.

Ambassador Autonio Nunez Garcia told Spanish national radio that rescuers had recovered the bodies of 22 victims, including 12 Spaniards and 10 Equatorial Guineans. There were no sur ors.

The Spaniards killed included the plane's crew of three Spanish air force officers, seven teachers who belonged to religious orders, a doctor and a Spanish woman.

The Guinean passengers included the wife and five children of Equatorial Guinea Commerce and Industry Minister Fortunato relative Nzambi Machinde, her two dead.

Spain's Defence Ministry provides the former Spanish colony under a bilateral cooperation agreement. Spain granted Equatorial Guinea Independence in 1968. The plane was flying to the city

of Malabo on the island of Bioko, also known as Fernando Poo, 300 kilometres northwest of Bata. The cause of the accident was

not immediately known. Spanish air force Chief of Staff Federico Michavila ordered an investigation Saturday.

The Spanish government sent an air force transport plane to bring home the I1 Spanish victims, including five nuns and a priest involved in voluntary work in the former Spanish colony.

A scheduled flight of the Spanish airline Iberia, which was to have brought the missionaries home on its return trip from the Guinean capital of Malabo, flew there early Saturday carrying relatives and colleagues of the

O'Connor takes time off from controversy to tour Palestine

O'Connor prayed at the site of Jesus' ministry, viewed archaeological finds and played with bandicapped children Saturday during a tour of northern regions of occupied Palestine.

The Roman Catholic cardinal of

New York took the day off from the embarrassing political controversy that marred the start of his trip to Israel, touring the shores of the Sea of Galilee where Jesus preached and performed miracles for his disciples. At this site where Jesus is said to

have performed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fish, Cardinal O'Connor led prayers in the Church of the Primacy. The modern-day Franciscan Church is named in honour of St. Peter to whom Jesus gave primacy over the other

Earlier, Cardinal O'Connor visited an Israeli communal farm. From the Sea of Galilee Thursday.

TABKHA (AP) - Cardinal John Cardinal O'Connor and his party drove to Haifa, where the cardinal toured a hospital for handicapped

and retarded children run by nuns

of the Sisters of Charity. The prelate spent the first two days of his visit seeking to untangle himself from the embarrassment of being forced to cancel meetings with Israel's

Vatican policy bans meetings with Israeli officials in Jerusalem because the Holy See does not recognise Israeli occupation of the city, while Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir has insisted on meeting with the cardinal only in his Jerusalem office.

The cardinal appealed to Mr. Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres on Friday to meet with him on an unofficial basis, saying he had not had any contact with the two men since arriving here from the East Bank on

Kabul sets 6-month limit for

ceasefire MOSCOW (R) - All Afghan troops are to suspend combat operations and return to their permanent bases from Jan. 15 under a six-month ceasefire ordered by Kabul, the official Soviet news agency TASS said

Saturday. TASS said the Afghan leadership on Saturday approved a document setting out the terms of the ceasefire, which guerrillas fighting the Soviet-backed Afghan government immediately rejected when it was first announced two days ago.

The agency said the government had pledged 10 observe the truce until July 15 if it was joined by the Western-backed rebels and to guarantee safe passage to leaders of guerrilla groups returning for talks on national reconciliation.

Quoting the document, TASS said that from Jan. 15 "all relevant bodies" of Afghanistan were ordered to:

"Cease all fire and suspend combat operations hring the troops back to the points of their permanent deployment and switch to peace-time routines stop artillery and air strikes at the enemy if it does not pose a danger to the peaceful population the armed forces are to limit themselves to protecting the state border, state and military installations, the fulfilment of leaders under pressure from the other purely defensive and economic tasks."

TASS quoted the document as saying: "On our side, the armistice will continue until July 15, 1987, on condition that it is joined by the opposite side. If the armistice is observed by both sides, it can be extended."

In exchange, it said, Kabul expected an end to rebel attacks on towns, enterprises, military units and air transport as well as a halt to the delivery of arms and ammunition to Afghanistan and to the mining of roads and "acts of

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Chad says Libyan planes bombed recaptured towns

N'DJAMENA (R) Libyan planes Saturday bombed the northern Chad towns of Fada and Zouar which government troops recaptured this week, ending Libyan occupation of areas held for three years, a Chadian military communique said.

The communique from the intervention in Chad." military command said an attacking Libyan helicopter was shot down over the north eastern town of Fada, which the government of President Hissene Habre said was retaken by its soldiers Friday after 12 hours

of heavy fighting.
It said the helicopter was among warplanes bombing the town sited 200 kilometres north of the so-called "red line" which since 1983 has split the central African nation into a Lihyan and rehel-held north and a government-controlled south.

The reported capture of Fada appeared to signal the start of Mr. Habre's long-expected drive to oust Libyan troops from the northern half of his country, diplomatic sources said.

Thirty-six hours earlier, Chadian troops, who left the capital N'Djamena early last week, retook the north western oasis town of Zouar which Libyan forces had captured on Sunday from former rebel allies.

Libya has always denied having troops in Chad but Tripoli Radio monitored in N'Djamena Saturday warned that Libya could not remain indifferent to what it called "Franco-American

MUNICH, West Germany (AP)

company on Saturday denied a

U.S. television network report

that it planned to sell 12 heavy

transport military planes to Iran.

Messerschmitt-Boelkow-Blohm

(MBB) company said the West

German government refused to

sanction the deal for C-160

weapons deliveries to countries at

war. Iran has been fighting Iraq since September 1980.

TEHRAN (R) - Iran has

upgraded its relations with

Lebanon hy naming an

ambassador to Beirut, Tehran

It said Ahmad Dastmalchian

was proposed by Foreign Minister

Ali Akbar Velayati and approved

by President Ali Khamenei as the

Diplomatic relations between

Radio said Saturday.

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Munich company denies

selling planes to Iran

"Those who set fire to Chad could hum their fingers," it said, adding that the current fighting

threatened Libya's security. France has some 1,200 French soldiers, Jaguar bombers and anti-aircraft missiles, stationed south of the red line but insists, despite repeated appeals from Mr. Habre, that they will stick to a purely defensive role.

Secretary of State for Information Moumine Hamidi told Reuters Friday night government troops had captured the key north eastern oasis town of Fada, which commands access to Libya's main army stronghold of

Faya Largeau. (Libya, which has always denied being involved militarily in northern Chad, said it had nothing to do with the fighting at Fada.) According to the Chadian statement, Friday's opening of a second front in the north east appeared to signal the start of Mr.

Habre's long awaited offensive aimed at driving an estimated 8,000 Libyan troops out of the northern region. Libyan forces occupied the area three years ago when they backed a major drive by former President Goukouni Queddei to oust Mr.

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The onslaught was stopped by the arrival of several thousand French troops and the country has

3,000-strong Popular Armed casualties for either side.

Forces (FAP) joined Mr. Habre last October entered the area but gave no details on casualties for either side.

Meanwhile the Line remained split into two. last October, giving the Chadian leader a considerable military boost and persuading him that time was ripe for an attempt at reconquering the north. diplomatic sources said.

Despite repeated appeals from Mr. Habre, who says Chadians do not recognise the "red line," France has said the French troops will stick to a purely defensive

The attack on Fada was launched Friday at dawn and the town was reported captured at the sacred 1400 GMT in what a military fatherland."

command statement described as

a "historical defeat inflicted on

Libvan invasion forces.

The statement said Libyan troops were being pursued out of

Meanwhile, the Libyan News Agency JANA said the fighting was between two Chadian "rebel groups," apparently a reference to Mr. Goukouni's FAP and the ethnic-Arab, north eastern-based Democratic Revolutionary Council (CDR) which has

remained loyal to Libya. Chadian Radio played martial music all day, only interrupted hy communiques stressing Chad's determination to "crush Col: Muammar Qadhafi's soldiery and drive Libyan slave-traders out of

New group claims kidnap of 2 Italians in Ethiopia

at a total price of more than \$1 KHARTOUM (AP) - A little-known Ethiopian guerrilla group on Saturday claimed "No Transall (C-160) planes for Iran," the MBB statement responsibility for kidnapping two "The Iranian government Italians and an unspecified had asked MBB for delivery of number of Ethiopians from an aid Transall planes, MBB then asked project in north western Ethiopia. the government whether the In a press statement issued in delivery of planes of such type was possible. The West German Khartoum, the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Army (EPRA) said all its captives were "safe and well." government replied that no authorisation for delivery was

The statement said the EPRA ABC News Friday evening said took the hostages during a raid on Dec. 27 on an Ethiopian attackers. it had obtained documents showing active efforts by MBB to government road construction sell the planes to Iran. It quoted a project. The mohile unit belonged aerospace concern and a major. London-hased Iranian arms to the Italy-hased Salini defence contractor, issued a dealer as saying that an MBB statement following an ABC delegation had travelled to Iran was part of the mammoth military casualties. News report that it would deliver and reached final agreement for Italian-financed Tana Beles Rural 12 C-160s over the next two years the delivery of 12 C-160 planes. Development Project near Lake Tana, source of the Blue Nile. Iran names envoy to Lebanon

Ethiopia's Marxist-led government is facing rebellions in November 1983 when Lebanon several parts of the country, but accused Iran of interfering in its the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Army is not among the larger, more active rebel internal affairs. They were restored eight months later at the level of charge d'affaires.

groups. A Foreign Ministry official told Reuters Dastmalchian has been unharmed, Saturday's statement did not disclose their serving on the ministry staff in Tehran. The official did not know when the new ambassador would

technician Dino Marteddu and Girogio Marchio. The construction company says 21 Ethiopians were taken with them and that bodies of five workers were recovered. One of the dead was reported as Stefano Berhane, 18, son of an Ethiopian staff member of the Italian News Agency ANSA. Other reports have said dozens

of Ethiopian government soldiers who were guarding the camp were slain during a gunfight with the

The government in Addis Ababa has refused to discuss the raid, and there is no official word on the number

The statement distributed by an EPRA official said an army unit guarding the construction site was destroyed. Those who were not killed or wounded were captured, the statement said.

It added that the guerrillas seized large quantities of automatic rifles, machine guns, rocket-propelled grenades, While saying the hostages were grenades, shells and ammunition. After the operation, it said, Ethiopian troops tried without whereabouts. There were reports success to attack the guerrillas that the guerrillas might have with MiG jet fighters and crossed with them into Sudan. helicopters. It gave no details of The missing Italians are the alleged air raid.

Kuwaiti minister in Syria

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — Kırwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed arrived in Damascus Saturday carrying a message from the Emirlof Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah

to President Hafez Assad. Sheikh Sabah told airport newsmen on arrival that the letter dealt with Arab affairs and bilateral relations.

Diplomats believe Sheikh Sabah's surprise visit was a bid to ensure President Assad would attend the Islamic summit here this month. They expected Sheikh Sabah

would also urge Syria to use its influence as a close friend of Iran to stem a war of words waged by Tehran against Kuwait this week. Mr. Assad, one of the most powerful heads of state in the 46-nation Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), has yet to make public whether he will

attend the Jan. 26 summit. Sheikh Sabah carried a message from the emir, Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmed Al Sabah, to Mr. Assad which the Kuwait News Agency KUNA said dealt with the "summit, bilateral ties as well as current Arab developments." It gave no further details.

"As summit host, Kuwait is keen to ensure that a leader of Assad's stature attends," one Western diplomat commented.

"The (foreign) minister, I am sure, would also use the visit to convey Kuwaiti concern that the rhetoric from Iran threatens to spoil the atmosphere for a successful summit," he added. Iran's President Ali Khamenei

said the summit should be held elsewhere, in a "neutral" country, rather than in Kuwait which has given moral and financial backing to Baghdad in the Iran-Iraq war. Iran's Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi accused

Kuwait of acting as a conduit for "truckloads of explosives" to Baghdad, and said it was too dangerous a place for a summit. The Iranian criticism prompted a pro-government Moroccan newspaper last week to suggest

the summit be postponed. Maroc Soir, which is under the direction of Minister of State Moulay Ahmad Alaoui, said non-Arah Iran now openly opposed the summit and Arab rifts were likely to cloud proceedings.

Moroccan Foreign Minister Abdul Latif Filali was expected in Kuwait Saturday evening with a message for the emir from King Hassan, outgoing chairman of the OIC which held its last summit in Casablanca in 1984.

In the run-up to the summit, a special daily broadcast --- the Islamic Summit Conference Radio --- started Saturday on state-run Kuwait Radio.

Programmes will include news bulletins and reports on Islamic affairs, KUNA quoted Information Minister Sheikh Nasser Mohammed Al Ahmad Al Sabah as saying.

The broadcast will run daily from 1000 GMT until the end of

Cyprus becomes escape route for wounded 'camps war' Palestinians

By Thomas O'Dwyer

NICOSIA — Dangers and barsbips face Palestinians wounded in Lebanon's "camps war" on an escape route out of the country to seek medical treatment abroad, Palestine Red Crescent. Society (PRCS) officials say.

"We have a lot of trouble getting our wounded out," said one PRCS official who asked not to be identified. "Many have disappeared on the way to Beirut airport."

Administrative and medical details of the evacuation are planned from PRCS offices located unobstrusively in a house in Nicosia close to the heavily-fortified American'

embassy.

The office also arranges for treated Palestinians to return to Lebanon and monitors the work of hospitals and clinics in the country.

"Cyprus is essentially a staging post," PRCS Information Office Director Abderrahamane told Reuters. The government is helpful but the facilities it can offer us are limited."

He said most of those wounded in three months of battles between Palestinians and Shrite Muslim Amal militiamen around camps in Beirut and South Lebanon had gone on from Cyprus to hospitals in France, Britain, West Germany and Eastern Europe.

The battles at five refugee settlements have cost at least 700 lives, inflicted much suffering on civilians and drained the military resources of both sides.

Three Palestinians injured in previous fighting eurlier this year, and who asked to be named only faced by wounded fighters leaving no discrimination."

Jemal, a heavily-built man whose head was bowed in pain from severe in juries which he said he received in an Amal prison, said he was smuggled by a Lebanese army officer out of Al Bass Camp near the southern port of Tyre last month.

Samir, his right arm hanging useless from a shrapnel wound received at Bourj Al Barajneh camp in Beirut, said Red Cross workers helped to get him out. "Militiamen still held me up for an hour near the airport and beat

Issa, who had a deep M-16 bullet scar on his right temple after being hit by a sniper at Beirut's Shatila camp, said there was no safety in Lebanese hospitals. "That's why we come out, despite the dangers," he said.

Officials blamed many of the hazards of the journey on Shi'ite militias controlling the approaches to Beirut airport. "Of those treated abroad, many get kidnapped or beaten up by militiamen when they try to return," one official said.

An official said the PRCS was prepared to pay Lebanese hospitals to treat Palestinians "but we fear Amal informers who have the wounded kidnapped."

The officials in Cyprus could give few precise figures on how many casualties were either treated or kidnapped because other organisations, such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, also assisted injured

as Jemai, 36, Samir, 26, and Issa.

10 per cent of all the cases we send abroad are Lebanese. We make

The PRCS, established in Jordan in 1968, functions as an embryo Palestinian Health Ministry and has observer status in the Genevea-based League of Red Cross and Red Crescent

Funded by Arab states, the World Health Organisation and the International League of Red Crosses and Red Crescents, it has set up nearly \$100 million worth of medical facilities, officials estimate.

"Most of the bospitals in Lebanon were outside the refugee camps, so we started an active campaign to build smaller hospitals inside the camps," one official said.

"This has proved invaluable in the present round of fighting, improving Palestinian morale and resistance. Before adequate facilities were established, serious wounds would often go gangrenous before being treated." Another official said Shatila

hospital bad achieved remarkable results. "It has been shelled 25 times and still carries on." he said. There is a Canadian doctor of Greek origin there, a British

nursing sister and four Palestinian doctors with some nurses from the He said the Haifa Hospital in

Bourj Al Barajaneh had received substantial supplies, often by bribing militiamen to let them through.
"The top three floors are

ed Cross, also assisted injured flattened but the rubble protects the hospital, built mostly underground because of the 500 cases." one official said. "But shelling," he added.

Denktash asks OIC for equal treatment

ANKARA (R)— Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktash has called on Islamic countries to refuse to deal with Greek Cypriot representatives as though they represent all the island's people.

Turkey's Anatolian News Agency said Saturday he made the remark in an interview with the United Arah Emirates newspapers Al Ittihad and Emirates News ahead of a planned Islamic summit in Kuwait this

Islamic states should agree to deal equally with his administration in the north of the island as well as with that of Greek

Mr. Denktash's "Turkish Kyprianou in the name of the countries.

Republic of Northern Cyprus' (TRNC) has observer status at the Organisation of Islamic Conference hut has never persuaded its leaders to translate their verbal support for fellow-Muslims in Cyprus into action. Only Turkey recognises the TRNC, declared by Mr. Denktash in 1983.

Mr. Kyprianou heads the widely-recognised, Turkish Cypriot "Foreign Greek-Cypriot run Republic of Minister" Kenan Atakol left the

with Greece or with the Greek Cypriot administration hut Cypriot leader Spyros Kyprianou Islamic and Arab countries should

Turkish Cypriot people," Mr. Denktash was quoted as saying.

If they act otherwise a solution to the Cyprus question will become more difficult, he said. Islamic, Arab and non-aligned countries should tell the Greek Cypriots: "There is more than one government on the island," Mr. Denktash urged.

island Friday for a tour of Islamic "I do not want the Arab World countries in the Middle and Far to change its friendly relations East, officials in Nicosia said.

The officials refused to give his itinerary, so as not to encourage Greek Cypriot

Iran calls on OIC to settle Lebanon crisis

in Lebanon."

member states of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) should restore peace in Lebanon before they hold a summit conference, Iran's official news

agency reported. The Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA), monitored in Nicosia, said that Ayatollah Musavi Ardebili, president of Iran's supreme court, delcared at

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — An Tehran University Friday that the He echoed repeated Iranian Iranian leader has said that 46-member OIC should demands that the conference

Iran has already declared it will not attend the scheduled Jan. 26 OIC summit in Kuwait because it alleged the Gulf emirate supports Iraq in the 6-year-old Gulf war.
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TODAY'S EVENTS

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An exhibition of architectural

" A painting exhibition entitled: "On the Banks of Jordan" at the Jordan National Gallery, Jabal Laweibdeh (until Jan. 23).

* An exhibition of paintings by Moroccan artist Mehdi Qotbi at the Alia Art Gallery, Jabal Amman, First Circle (until Jan. 7).

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paintings of Iraq Al Amir by Francois Larche and Jean-Fierre Large at the Architecture Gallery --- Reyad C. atte. Jebel Ammon (until Jan. 10).

* An exhibition of photographs entitled "La Villetie" at the French Cultural Centre (until Jan. 29).

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mossics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760. Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan, Jabal Al Qal's (Citagle Hill).

4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculpture by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. by 19th Century orientalist artists. Minutezah, Jabal Luweibdeh. Opening hours: 10.00 a.m. - 1.30 p.m. and 3.00

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Exhibition of national industries to open

AMMAN (Petra) — The Amman Chamber of Industry has finalised arrangements for setting up its permanent exhibition of national industries which is expected to be opened for the public in the coming month. A chamber spokesman said that the exhibition will be located at the chamber's premises and will acquire 600 square metres. The Chamber of Industry will conduct a study on all the national industries before assigning sections and wings for each or part of them at the exhibition site, the spokesman said.

Income Tax Department distributes forms

AMMAN (Petra) — The Income Tax Department has embarked on distributing forms for businesses enabling their proprietors to fill in information giving particulars about their income during 1986. The department normally grants a six per cent discount on income tax for those who pay their income dues during the first month of the year. .

CAA to take part in Arab meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has received an invitation to take part in the coming meeting of the Arab Civil Aviation Council due to open at Casablanca in Morocco on Jan. 13. During the five-day meeting the council will discuss matters related to civil aviation and air transport in the

CSC is moving to new premises

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Civil Service Commission (CSC) is moving to a new location behind the Professional Association Complex in Shmeisani, according to a report in the local press. It said that CSC has now stopped accepting applications for employment in government offices and will resume the process of processing applications in February 1987. The repor said also that the CSC is now involved in preparing training courses for applicants.

Jordan to attend Arab sports meeting.

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the 10th meeting of the Arab ministers of youth and sports due to open in Tunis on Jan. 14. The delegation will be led by Minister of Youth Eid Dahiyat and will include representatives of the Jordanian Youth Organisation. Jordan will also take part in meetings of experts on games and sports activity due to be held on Jan. 18. The delegation to the meeting in Tunis will be led by Mr. Mohammad Ahu Tayyeb, director general of the Jordanian Youth Organisation.

Jordanian writers receive awards

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AMMAN (J.T.) - Two Jordanian writers shared the award of Mahmoud Saif Al Deen Al Irani, an award granted by the Jordanian Writers Association (JWA) to the best writers of short stories. Mr. Fakhri Kriwar, a Jordanian writer and columnist at Al. Ra. Arabic daily, and Mr. Khalil Al Sawahri, another Jordanian. writer, won the award for the year 1985. The award will be presented to them in a special presentation ceremony to be held late in January at the Abdul Hamid Shoman Foundation premises. The JWA grants four awards a year to the best poets, researchers, playwrights and novelists.

Jordan to take part in conference on

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan will take part in the ten-day conference of the supervisors of refugee affairs, scheduled to be held in the capital city of Tunis on Jan. 12. Participants will discuss conditions of the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation and the impact of the economic situation in the Israeli occupied territories on Arab citizens. They will also discuss issues pertaining to the dangers of Israeli settlement policy and the continuing Israeli threats against the Aqsa Mosque in the occupied Arab city of Jerusalem, in addition to conditions of the Jerusalem Electricity Company. On the conference's agenda are also issues relevant to the settlement of the Falasha Jews in the occupied Arab territories and Israeli ties with African states. Jordan's delegation to the meetings comprises Dr. Ahmad Oatanani, under secretary of the Ministry of Occupied Territories Affairs and Mousa Atef from the ministry's studies and researches

Cabinet opts for local expertise

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status from a government-run entity into a shareholding company would be carried out in three-stages. At the end of the first stage, the government will decide on whether or not it will sell all the corporation's shares, part of the shares, or to maintain its status as a public-owned company operating on a commercial basis. In a press conference, in November, the minister said the TCC would soon sign an agreement with Britain's Tele-Consult to draft the corporation's new law, define its total assets and investments as well as revenues and study the institution's administrative and

financial situation. Saturday's decision, as reported by Petra, did not refer to the aims at increasing the country's TCC's contract with the British local supplies of red meat.

company and whether or not local expertise would be hired after the London-based company completed its task.

Mr. Husseini was not available for comment. .

The minister has stressed that the whole process of changing the TCC's status would take between one to two years?

The Cabinet on Saturday also decided to allocate funds to implement a project to develop and upgrade cattle-raising in Jordan.

The project, whose total cost was not revealed by Petra, entails setting up five centres to fatten cattle in the areas of Ramtha, Karak, Tafileh, Mafraq and Madaba. The project is to be snpervised by the Jordan Cooperative Organisation and

Kabul sets ceasefire time limit

(Continued from page 1) terror and subversion."

"We are ready for mutual understanding, talks, the Afghan Revolutionary compromises and even Council had declared Islam as the concessions," the document said. national religion and would But let no-one take our formalise the decision in Article 2 self-restraint for a sign of of the country's new constitution.

end to the country's guerrilla war, now in its eighth year, through open contacts with the rebels and the formation of a coalition administration.

Giving details of the plans for national reconciliation, TASS said

It said areas of the country The document's approval where national reconciliation was followed an ambitious call by achieved would be declared achieved would be declared "zones of peace" and would where national reconciliation was receive state benefits, in particularthe right to democratic organisation of local

Queen Noor to patronise nursing school graduation

Sunday a ceremony at the Al Hussein Youth City for the country, many of which are at graduation of the 37th group of present filled with foreign nurses. students from the Jordan College of Nursing. The graduates include 131 who have completed courses in nursing and midwifery at the college's Amman, Irbid and Zarqa

Dr. Mahmoud Al Shaheed director of the department of planning and research at the Ministry of Health, told the Jordan News Agency, Petra that the present capacity of the nursing colleges in Jordan, which turn out male and female nurses, is 300; by the year 1990, these colleges should raise the present number of nurses in the Kingdom to 2,941. colleges in Irbid and Zarqa.

AMMAN (Petra)— Her Majesty These nurses, he said, are needed Queen Noor will patronise to serve in the various health centres and hospitals in the

The number of midwives expected to be in the country by 1990, according to Dr. Shahed is 666; but this is far less than the number of midwives planned for m ministry's five-year plan.

The Jordan College of Nursing was opened in 1953; since then, the Ministry of Health has been opening mursing institutes to meet the country's increasing demand. The total number of privately and publicly run schools now stands at 18, Dr. Shahed said. He said in the present five-year plan, the ministry plans to open nursing

Trade delegation leaves for Sudan

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordanian trade delegation led by Abdullah Al Hawamdeh, undersecretary of the Ministry of Supply, Saturday left for Khartonm on a visit to Sudan expected to last six days.

The delegation, which will hold talks with Sudanese officials on bolstering Sudanese-Jordanian trade links, includes representatives of the Jordanian industrial and trade sectors, who will examine Sudan's market to decide on Jordanian products that could be sold to Sudan, and Sudanese goods that could be imported by Jordan.

Following the Sudan visit, the delegation will go to Egypt to sign an agreement on the purchase of 20,000 tonnes of Egyptian rice.

Islamic medical group discusses ethics

AMMAN (Petra) — The executive committee of the World Federation of Islamic Medical Societies opened a two-day meeting in Amman on Saturday. Its members, representing Jordan. Pakistan, Egypt and Sudan, will discuss medical topics including heart and kidney transplants, and test tube baby operations in relation to Islam, in addition to Islamic norms for doctor-patient relationships, as well as family planning.

The committee is also scheduled to discuss the subject of raising more funds for the federation to enable it to offer financial and in-kind help to needy families in the Islamic world in line with assistance offered by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the Arab and Islamic Red Crescent Societies.

The committee's chairman, Dr. Sayyed Muhin, addressed the opening session in which be appealed to medical organisations in the Arab and Islamic worlds to benefit from studies and research



Societies holds discussions an medical topics in Amman an Saturday. work conducted by various world organisations in the American state of Indiana. The federation's

medical organisations in the fight against diseases.

The federation was established in 1981, following a general meeting of Islamic medical

Pakistan; Indonesia, Nigeria, USA, Sudan, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Jordan. Al Sa'ad 'appointed honorary consul

members are Islamic medical

societies in Canada, Egypt, India,

Full agenda ahead for postponed House session in Cyprus ·

AMMAN (J.T.) - The Lower House of Parliament, scheduled session for Saturday, was postponed until Tuesday after the majority of deputies living outside Amman were prevented by bad weather conditions, from

Items for discussion on the postponed session's working agenda range from legislating a number of laws, to studying eight suggestions submitted hy a number of deputies demanding mprovements in the social services sectors in various parts of the Kingdom.

However, some parliamen tarians say that the most important topic for discussion on Tuesday's agenda is the results of the House's appeal committee meeting vis-a-vis a motion. submitted to the House last June in which Dr. Abdul Majed Nuseir contested the results of the by-elections held in Irbid governorate last June.

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annonneement hy an Iraqi military spokesman was broadcast by Baghdad Radio.

"Our aircraft launched a

destructive raid at 6.30 p.m. (1530

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Island's western jetty" to prevent.

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since Iraq began attacking it in August, 1985. It was hit in a raid on New Year's Day.

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sources near the island reported dense clouds of smoke billowing

from the far end of the western

jetty," said a source quoted by

details however," he added.

"We do not have any more

Iraq reported 123 attacks on

Kharg has been the target of

spokesman said.

According to an imofficial copy of the committee's remarks obtained by the Jordan Times, the legislators concerned found the charges levelled by Dr. Nuseir against Deputy Jamal Obeidat, who won the by-elections, were

"unfounded and personal." The committee, according to the copy of remarks, refuted all charges advanced by Dr. Nuseir to contest the elections and said that the by-elections in Irbid governorate were carried out legally and in accordance with constitution, the 1962 elections law, and under the supervision of the concerned authorities.

In the elections, Mr. Obeidat secured 22,366 votes and his closest rival was Dr. Nuseir who received 10,335 votes. Shortly after the election's results. Dr. Nuseir filed a motion to the Lower House charging that the government interfered to tilt the balance in favour of Mr. Obeidat. Iran says 9 killed in Iraqi raid

tankers serving Kharg and other

Iranian oil ports during 1986, as

well as 90 raids on the facility

Iran generally retaliates for the

Iraqi attackson tankers by striking

at neutral commercial vessels

sailing in the southern sector of

the Gulf waterway.

Not all the claimed Iraqi attacks

on ships are confirmed. Lloyds

reported 99 vessels hit by both

Meanwhile, an Iranian

newspaper has called for

chemical attacks which Iran says

Iraq has carried out in Gulf war

soothe the recent wounds of

Muslim combatants and the heavy

silence of international circles is

retaliation in kind," the populist

Iran has asked the United

Nations to send experts to

investigate evidence of the alleged

'retaliation in kind' for alleged

Iran and Iraq during 1986.

"We don't know about damage incurred in the raid on New Year's Day. But after the Iraqis
"The only medicine which can

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Abrar said.

chemical attacks.

AMMAN (J.T.) - A Royal Decree was issued, endorsing a Cabinet decision, appointing Mr. Mohammad Ali Farid Al Sa'ad as honorary consul of Cyprus for Jordan. Mr. Sa'ad is a prominent Jordanian husinessman, industrialist and social figure.

Mohammad Ali Farid Al Sa'ad

income accruing from animal husbandry and animal production m the Kingdom; the total capital involved in this industry stood at JD 140 million by the end of 1985. The poultry industry, he said hegan in Jordan on a wide scale in the early 1970s, when the country used to import table eggs and meat

industry in Jordan constitutes one

of the major sources of food

supplies, providing protein-rich meat and table eggs for the public

and contributing towards the achievement of food security, Dr.

Mohammad Zaitoun, head of the

research department at the

Ministry of Supply, said here

In a statement to the Jordan

News Agency, Petra, Dr. Zaitoun

said that the poultry industry yields 65 per cent of the overall

Saturday.

of all sorts to meet the local market's needs. This industry was deemed necessary in view of the increasing demand on poultry meat and the growing population. Dr. Zaitoun added. Soon this industry began to attract the public and the private sectors, and the government hegan offering. incentives to encourage the poultry meat and egg production

of income of animal production AMMAN (Petra) — The poultry and loans from various money Amman on Saturday. Participants lending institutions, he noted.

Poultry industry yields 65 per cent

Dr. Zaitoun said that, in 1970. Jordan's poultry farms altogether produced 13,000 tonnes of meat and 75 million eggs, but this rose to 48,000 tonnes of meat and 530 million eggs by 1985; this was Al Khazraji. director of the matched by local consumption of regional poultry centre in Amman poultry meat and eggs.

average consumption of poultry meat stood at 9.5 kilogrammes and 54 eggs, hut this rose in 1985 to 20 kilogrammes of meat and 140 eggs per annum, Dr. Zaitoun pointed out.

In 1970, an individual's annual

In addition, he said, the Ministry of Supply belped to create the Jordan Society for the Production and Marketing of Eggs and offered facilities to ensure its

The Ministry of Supply, he said. is also helping poultry farmers by making available animal feed like bran and barley which are produced locally and helping them sell these commodities at competitive prices.

Symposium opens

A regional symposium on poultry production opened in through various laws, regulations,

from Jordan, Sudan, Morocco, Pakistan, Tunisia, Egypt, Algeria, Cyprus, Somalia and Mauritania are taking part in the three-weeks of meetings.

According to Dr. Abdul Karim. which is run by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) said that the participants will discuss subjects pertaining to the process of producing and marketing poultry. animal feed and disease affecting hirds, and health conditions to ensure successful production.

The FAO centre, called the Regional Poultry Training and Development Centre for the Near East, provides training courses and regional seminars. Its objectives is to promote poultry farm operations and improve management techniques of poultry farm foremen and

According to Dr. Khazraji, the centre, which was established through a generous contribution from the Italian government. hopes to expand its operations through obtaining greater financial support from countries in the region.

Architectural symposium kicks off

AMMAN (J.T.) — A three-day symposium entitled "Amman, the city and the citizen" opened at the Professional Association Complex in Amman on Saturday. The symposium is part of a week-long architectural week organised hy the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA) and inaugurated by Her Majesty

Queen Noor on Tuesday.

Mr. Mohammad Al Budour, a
JEA member, addressed the opening session, and underlined the importance of the architects' role in the protection of the environment. Several other speakers addressed the audience. The speakers referred to architectural plans in Amman since 1938, a comprehensive plan for Greater Amman area, and the development of the central districts of the capital.

The participants will discuss and the role of the Jordanian working papers dealing with the architects in society, in addition to to the city's residents.



Participants of a symposium entitled "Amman, the city and the citizen" discuss issues of architecture in Jordan at the Professional Association Complex in Amman on Saturday. The symposium is part of an architecture week sponsored by the Jordanian Engineers Association (JEA).

development of Greater Amman

prohlems encountered by Amman Municipality in providing services

Housing Corporation to use questionnaires

AMMAN (Petra) — The Housing Corporation, in cooperation with Salt Municipality, has distributed 3,000 copies of a questionnaire to explore the city's needs for

Housing Corporation Director Shafiq Zawaideh said that the move was part of his corporation's plan to sound out citizens' views about their bousing preferences, prior to working out designs for

housing projects in the Salt area.

The questionnaire seeks to gather information about the number of families, their annual income, their average rent, and the type of home they prefer, in terms of material, area, design and

cost, for which they can afford to pay by instalments, Mr. Zawaideh said. He said that those who received the questionnaires should fill in accurate information before handing them back to Salt Municipality by Jan. 17, so that

down designs for buildings.

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By Dr. Fahed Fanek

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Clear message

IT IS heartening to note that New York Roman Catholic Cardinal John O'Connor has withstood all the arm-twisting and pressure which was applied to him to change his stance on the venue of his meetings with Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. As both Shamir and Peres have had insisted that the cardinal meet with them in their respective offices in Jerusalem, the cardinal, in deference to the position of the Vatican on the status of Jerusalem, refused to accommodate the Israeli request.

It was the late Pope John Paul I who declared that Jerusalem "is sacred patrimony" for Christians and Muslims and Jews and that the city therefore should be placed under an international regime. Had the cardinal of New York succumbed to the Israeli pressure and met with the Israeli leaders in their offices in Jerusalem, his acquiescence would have constituted —by implication — a recognition of the Israeli occupation of the city and would have been tantamount to a drastic and unwelcomed departure from the official posture of the Vatican on the Holy City.

As we salute the Vatican and Cardinal O'Connor on this steadfastness vis-a-vis Israeli and Zionist pressures, we also welcome the interest that the cardinal has shown in the future of the Palestinian people. Not only did he make his position clear on the rights of the Palestinians by declaring prior to his departure from Animan that the Palestinians should be granted their inalienable right to self-determination, he also kept on reiterating that position after crossing the Jordan River to the West Bank and Jerusa.cm. In fact the cardinal has reaffirmed this position in all three sermons he gave since bis arrival in the West Bank last Thursday. He has also supported the idea of convening an international peace conference to resolve for all times the Palestinian conflict.

All in all the clear-message that has emanated from the mission of peace which Cardinal O'Connor has made to our region is that the Christian World as well as the Islamic World shall continue to join forces in opposing the fait accompli that Israel has attempted to impose on the international community concerning the Holy City of Jerusalem. More important than this is perhaps, the spiritual dimension of the messenger of the Vatican's trip which cries out with vigour and determination and reminds the world that there is still room for justice, morality and spirituality in the resolution of

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i: An end to fratricidal war

AN Arab ministerial committee is meeting in Tunis to discuss the camps war in Lebanon and to study a report by the Arab League secretary general on recent consultations that he made with Arab end the conflict. But all indications point to the fact that these consultations and contacts made no headway as the fighting continues and intensifies without an end in sight. We are horrified not only by the continuous bloodshed but by the loss of credibility by the leaders of the warring factions who continue to claim that they issued orders to their men to stop the fighting and to have a ceasefire. As they do so, the escalation of fighting continues despite the bad weather conditions. The leaders of these factions seem totally incapable of controlling their men in the street or are not telling the truth. If these leaders really lost their control over their men, then the tragedy is greater and the situation is more serious. If these leaders orders for a ceasefire go unheeded, then it is the responsibility of these leaders to denounce their men's actions, and to take all necessary measures for isolating them. What is really wanted now is a total end to the bloodshed and a complete halt to fighting. The camps war in Lebanon is one of the gravest tragedies which the Arab Nation has faced in its history. It is detrimental to the Arab Nation and its interest and future. For this reason the other Arab countries are called on m interfere through the ministerial committee or unilaterally and put an end to the sufferings of the Lebanese and Palestinian people. The Arab countries cannot expect other nations to support their demands for their rights usurped by Israel, if they do not act now and end this fratricidal war.

Al Dustour: Stop the bloodshed

THE seven-member Arab committee for ending the camps war in Lebanon is due to open its meeting in Tunis in an emergency session to review the outcome of contacts for ending the fighting between the Shi ite Amal Movement and the Palestinians. The committee, which is beaded by the Arab League secretary general, faces a very bard task. Its meeting, however, reflects a wide scale attempt on the part of the Arab Nation to put an end to the sufferings of the Palestinian people in Lebanon. The Arab foreign ministers announced after their two meetings in Tunis that they condemn such attacks on the refugee camps; the announcement clearly condemns the attackers and exposes them to the Arab World. The attackers, who are fanatics launching a sectarian war on other factions, do not find a single voice. in the Arab World that condones their actions and their crimes against the Palestinian people. For its part, Israel made no secret its joy and rejoicing over the Amal Movement's crimes that have been going on for the past three months. Israel continues to support the Amal Movement against the Palestinian people in their camps; this reflects the close links between the two forces who are colluding against the presence of Palestinian people in Lebanon. We hope that the Arab committee meeting in Tunis can find proper and effective means for stopping the bloodshed and ending this tragedy. Any failure by this committee would have serious repercussions on pan-Arab action and Arab interests.

Sawt Al Shaab: Tehran — obstacle to peace

IRAN has just announced it will not attend the coming Islamic summit meeting in Kuwait later this month, thus clearly exposing its aims of disregarding any resolutions that might be passed by such a summit concerning the on-going Gulf conflict. The Tehran regime, which has been ignoring all bids for peace by various world organisations, is now scoffing at the Islamic summit which could bring an end to the fighting and the tragedy. The Tehran regime turned down an invitation to attend the summit because it would find itself totally isolated at the meeting with the delegations condemning its stand with regard to the continuation of the war. Iran does not give any consideration to the Muslim World and Islamic solidarity; for this reason, it has given its negative answer to this invitation by claiming that Kuwait is not a secure zone for the summit. The Islamic summit is bound to study the Gulf war in detail. What is more significant is that the summit will be attended by heads of Arab governments which condemn Iran's continued aggression on Iraq. For this reason, the Tehran regime does not want to face the moment of truth, and cannot confront the facts and all-out support by various Arab and Muslim nations for an end to the conflict. Iran's refusal to take part in the coming summit and its constant efforts to obstruct such meeting are sufficient cause for Arab and Mu..... leaders to condemn the Tehran regime.

Sunday's Economic Pulse

U.S. debts are no example to Third World countries

IN a recent lecture at the World Affairs Council in Amman, Dr. Ahmad Shalabi of Petra Bank cited the huge external indebtedness of the United States to make the point that indebtedness is not that

When President Ronald Reagan came to power six years ago, America was a net creditor to the world to the extent of \$140 billion. By the end of 1986, Reagan has not only to face a political scandal resulting from dealing secretly with international terrorism, paying ransoms, and illegally directing funds to the contras, he has to face another economic and financial scandal, namely swinging America from the status of the biggest creditor in the world to the largest

By the end of 1986 the world owed America \$600 billion and America owed the world \$850 billion, thus the U.S. became net borrower to the extent of \$250 billion.

Six years of Reaganomics shifted America from \$140 billion plus to \$250 billion minus or a hopping \$400 billion, resulting from the expansion of public expenditure, especially on useless armaments, while offering generous exemptions to corporations and well-to-do businessmen. No wonder the administration pushed down the exchange rate of the dollar by one third and its interest rate by one

The irony is that Reagan, as a presidential candidate, called for a balanced budget. He was also a strong supporter of an amendment to the constitution to outlaw deficit financing.

In his inauguration address on Jan. 1, 1981 President Reagan said, "You and I as individuals can live beyond our own means by borrowing but for a limited period; why should some believe that as a nation we are not subject to this limitation?"

Of course Reagan is not the only ruler who took power while warning against a danger, then took the liberty of indulging in that danger further and deeper.

In fact, the Reagan example is being used as an indication that, after all, indebtedness is not that dangerous if super-rich America can be the largest debtor in the world.

Since this example was used by the Jordanian banker, we therefore find it useful to clarify that although American external indebtedness is bad, yet the external indebtedness of other countries is much worse and more dangerous due to three reasons:

First, the American external debt, large as it may appear in absolute figures, is extremely moderate in relative terms. The net American external indebtedness is not more than five per cent of the

annual gross domestic product. Servicing this debt does not cost more than 0.2 per cent of the U.S. GDP. Jordan's external debt in comparison is 20 times higher and the cost of its service is over 50 fold

Second, the American external indebtedness is denominated in the local currency of the United States. The ability of a government to issue its own currency is unlimited. It can print more dollars and repay the debts. Governments do not default in their own currency. They default due to lack of foreign exchange, which can be obtained only through a surplus in the current account, i.e., by exporting more goods and services than imports.

Third, the American debts are not banks or government loans provided under loan agreements specifying interest rate and repayment schedules. They are mostly deposits or direct investments resulting mainly from capital flight in the originating countries. America can easily freeze these funds at its own convenience, and this will not be labled as a default!

America may truly be the largest debtor country in the world but this does not mean that it is becoming dependent on its creditors, or falling under their mercy. On the contrary, it is playing the role of

Key questions remain unanswered in American-Iran-contra connection

By Sue Baker Reuter

WASHINGTON - Initial congressional probes have revealed some details of the Iran arms scandal but two special investigative teams due to start work next week will bave to fit together the remaining pieces of the puzzle.

Three Capitol Hill committees, wrapping up weeks of bearings into President Reagan's biggest foreign pobcy crisis, attempted to unravel the secret sale of American arms to Iran and the diversion of profits to U.S.-backed Nicaraguan "contra" rebels.

But responsibility for a full accounting of the 18-month operation run from the White House basement offices of Reagan's National Security Council (NSC) will fall to Watergate-style select committees of the Senate and House of Representatives.

They will be gearing up in January for what is expected to be a months-long investigation.

"When all of the dots are eventually linked on this it will be - I won't use the word incrediblehut it will certainly he extraordinary," said Dante Fascell, Democratic chairman of the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee.

The preliminary congressional probes, by Fascell's panel and the House and Senate intelligence committees, produced some stunning testimony from top officials and former administration aides.

two men believed by legislators to bold the key to the puzzle refused to testify, invoking their constitutional rights against

self-incrimination. Reagan's former national security adviser, Vice, Admiral John Poindexter, and his aide. Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, pleaded the Fifth Amendment before all three committees.

Poindexter resigned and North was fired last month when the White House disclosed that up to \$30 million in profits from the weapons sale to Iran had been diverted to the contras in an operation alleged to have been masterminded by North.

Israel says it was asked to ship the arms to Iran at American

Washington witnesses included Secretary of State George Sbultz,
Defence Secretary Caspar
Weinberger, Attorney General
Edwin Meese, White House Chief of Staff Donald Regan, Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director William Casey and former National Security Adviser Robert McFarlane.

Several retired military men said to have worked with North and other former and current CLA and NSC officials also appeared. Most of them did testify, and

some new and often contradictory details bave emerged since the first probe started in early December. Legislators have begun to formulate differing versions of what might bave taken place.

- McFarlane said Reagan knew

Negotiations towards Dalai Lama's

return to Tibet remain unsuccessful

September 1985. But Chief of shipment several weeks after the operation. fact. The discrepancy is important laws barring arms sales to Iran.

 Details emerged of a November 1985 shipment which a mid-level CIA employee said his barred by Congress from agency bad delivered to Tehran in providing such aid. the belief the arms were oil drilling parts. The employee accused the months before Reagan waived the arms sales law.

- McFarlane also said North back from an abortive mission to months before Meese said he had arms-for-hostages deal. first discovered the diversion and told Reagan.

- Casey confirmed he became Meese's announcement at the end of last month. New York businessman Roy Furmark, a friend and former legal client of Casey, said he had been informed that Canadian financiers had not received payment for providing financial backing for the sales and believed some of the money had ended up in Central America.

- Shultz stunned one bearing by disclosing that John Kelly, the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, had channels to communicate secretly and approved in advance the first with North. Poindexter,

But six witnesses—including the Israeli sbipment of arms to Iran in McFarlane and retired Major-General Richard Secord, a Staff Regan stood by his position close friend of North who is that Reagan only knew about the alleged to have assisted the

> - Sbultz confirmed that the because it was not until last State Department had solicited January that Reagan secretly millions of dollars from at least authorised a temporary waiver of one third country, later identified as Brunei, to provide assistance for the contras during a period when the administration was

> House and Senate members familiar with the hearings have NSC of misleading the CIA over begun to piece together sketchy the shipment, which was sent two scenarios of the operation that contradict the official White House view.

> One scenario holds that the told bim of the diversion of funds initiative was undertaken in order to the contras as they were flying to develop contacts with "moderates" in Iran but quickly Tehran last May — some six degenerated into an

> Under this theory, Reagan specifically approved of Israeli shipments in September 1985 and aware of a possible diversion of then brushed aside the objections funds more than a month before of some of bis top aides to shipping U.S. arms directly, drawn in by promises of the release of all five remaining hostages.

Another theory, advanced mostly by opposition Democrats, is that Reagan, encouraged by Israel, planned the operation right from the start with the sole objective of freeing the hostages beld by pro-Iranian groups in Lebanon.

Reagan, who pledged never to deal with "terrorists" or .pay used State Department back ransom, had come under strong pressure from the hostages' families to act.



LETTERS

Laws are common sense

To the Editor:

ON several occasions, both formal and informal, Mr. Abdul Raouf Rawabdeh, mayor of Amman, declared and asserted his unwavering intention to issue writs of demolition or partial municipal plans and designs for the reconstruction of modern Amman. In this connection, may I respectfully draw the attention of the mayor to the following vital points.

 Violations are of two types:
 (a) Violations committed intentionally or negligently while the building is under construction. This demands immediate demolition of the part in violation of the plan.

(b) Violations committed 38 years ago, at a time when the

Kingdom lacked a stringent plan for the capital Amman; and at a time when the municipality lacked competent, efficient, and well qualified engineers.

2. Violations are of two classes:

(a) Major violations wherein the perpetrator has infringed and trespassed upon private or public property. This entails the demobition of part or of the whole of the building with full consideration for the surrounding circumstances.

(b) Minor violations wherein the perpetrator has enclosed a

veranda to use it as an additional room or even as a kitchen. In such cases the rules of common sense and equity should prevail. Let us not forget that rules of law are rules of common sense.

3. The rights of innocent tenants for value and without notice should be preserved at all times. For who is to blame for a violation committed 38 years ago? The landlord, the tenant, or the municipality? To go around demolishing buildings for the sole and simple reason that the owners committed a violation 38 years ago is both illogical and unethical. Innocent families will be turned out into the streets to have the sky as their roof and the pavement as their abode. Then why all this fuss? All the major, deep-rooted and long-established capitals of the world suffer from such blights.

No matter what the circumstances are, the rights of bona fide tenants should be protected and preserved. This fundamental topic requires urgent clarification by our mass media.

Solution to unemployment

To the Editor:

NARIMAN Khoury's proposals for a solution to the unemployment problem among civil engineers (letters, Jordan Times, Dec. 28, 1986) is worth a closer examination. The problem as I see it through the eyes of a reasonable man of

ordinary prudence lies in our inability to uncover our needs, and in our failure to mobilise all our efforts and resources towards unc-

We are in need of automobile engineers, aeronautic engineers diesel engineers, raikroad engineers, heavy equipment engineers, mechanical engineers, medical equipment engineers, metals engineers, electronics engineers, and many more. Unless we broaden the base of the engineering departments in our various universities to include some or all the above specialisations, and unless the whole engineering profession is reorganised on modern economic and commercial principles and practices, the problem of unemployment

among civil engineers is apt to remain for an indefinite period of time.

There remains the problem of those who, for some reason or other, seek their education abroad. The fate of these students rests with the Ministry of Higher Education. However, the establishment of agricultural engineering universities in the East Ghor and other rural areas is a step in the right direction.

As regards the standard of education at our various universities something in earnest has to be done in order to raise it to the level attained by some of the European universities if we are to improve the contributions and achievements of our graduates, and if we are to attract foreign students.

Getting what one wants or not getting it are the only two tragedies.

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NEW DELHI - After years of

By Dilip Ganguly

The Associated Press

diplomatic manoeuvring, there is no sign that the Dalai Lama, Tibet's god-king, will leave bis exile in India and return m his

Chinese diplomats and exiled Tibetan officials have been negotiating since 1979 for the return of the Dalai Lama to Tibet, now part of China.

The Chinese want the 51-year-old Dalai Lama back, and he wants to return. But the talks so far bave wound up in what the Chinese call tu tong-yi and the Tibetans ma-chan ba -

disagreement.
"We want the Dalai Lama back. He is most welcome," a Chinese diplomat bere told the Associated

"We want to return as well, but not on Chinese terms," said a Tibetan official.

An Indian diplomat who has watched the talks gave this assessment: "They continue to be on poles apart. All these talks have done no good."

Tibet was taken over by China in 1951. The Dalai Lama fled to India in 1959 after a failed uprising against the Chinese in the capital, Lhasa. Since then, he has bved in a Himalayan foothill abode at Dharamsala, in northern

An estimated 120,000 other ubetans live in exile in India. almost all off them followers of the Dalai Lama, which literally means the "ocean of wisdom." Tibetans consider him to be the reincarnation of a Buddhist saint. Negotiations over the Dalai Lama's return began after he announced in 1978 that he would drop the demand for a free Tibet if convinced a majority of his former subjects were bappy under.

Chinese communist rule. China then invited Tibetan refugee delegations on fact-finding missions. Six delegations have visited China since — going to Peking and various parts of Tibet. Chinese and Tibetan officials bere - who discussed the

god-king's status on the basis of

anonymity - said their talks have

with unfailing courtesy.

China's view was expressed by a Chinese diplomat in New Delhi: Our government will give the due religious status to the Dalai Lama, but be should stay away from politics."

China says the Dalai Lama's return would belp fulfill its goal of modernising Tibet. But it wants him to stay in Peking, a condition rejected by the god-king and his

Officials of the Dalai Lama's exile administration say they doubt China's desire to build a "New Tibet." They say the visiting delegations all have found conditions in Tibet unchanged.

"Our aim is also to see a better" Tibet, but we lack trust," said Kalsang Yarpbel, the chief representative of the Dalai Lama's mission in the Indian capital.

The last Tihetan exile delegation to visit China returned to India on Nov. 14, 1985, after spending four months in Tibet. Another delegation was to go

this year, but it bas been stalled by China's insistence that the delegations no longer can travel on documents issued by the Indian government.

Time has come for them to accept that they are overseas Chinese and should travel on and 300 kilometres east of the for Tibet, a stand at odds with the been calm, conducted over tea and Chimese passports, hut they nearest Chinese horder. It Dalai Lama.

refuse, and we insist," said a Chinese diplomat. Yarobel, the Dalai Lama's representative, said: "It will be

suicide if we accept the Chinese terms. Our main argument is that we are not Chinese but Tibetans. "When we travel to Tibet, we are in fact going to our own country," he said. "Why should we need Chimese passport?"

India's government is officially silent on the question of the Dalai Lama's long exile here, but it may in the end decide his fate. Experts on Tibet in India's

Foreign Ministry note the Dalai Lama's status as "honoured guest" could change with an improvement in Indian-Chinese relations. "No doubt, his presence

here is an irritant in Sino-Indian relations," said one such expert, insisting on anonymity. One day, when our ties with China improve, we will bave to decide what to do with him."

But India and China fought a border war in 1962, and each still claims part of the other's terrimry. The dsy of the Dalai Lama's departure from bis exile bome seems far off.

functions at Dharamsala, 400

includes a kashag, or cabinet, and a parliament.

Most Tibetan exiles live in resettlement colonies across the country built by the Indian government. Tibetan-language schools teach the young, and some are initiated into the Buddhist monkhood.

Many of the exiles live on money from agencies aiding foreign refngees, and the government-in-exile supports a few.

Others bave gone into business, selling carpets and, illegally, the cheap, strong Tibetan country liquor known as chang. Tibetans also run a major tourist market in downtown New Delhi.

Tashi Phuntsok, a leader of the Tibetan Youth Congress, was asked about the dangers of his people simply melting into Indian society in their long exile.

"We are aware of the threat of losing our cultural heritage," he said. "We may like discos, but we have not forgotten that we are Tibetan refugees without a home we can call our own."

The youth congress, with 10,000 members, is the most Tibet's government-in-exile organised group of refugees. It notions at Dharamsala, 400 describes itself as "radical" and kilometres north of New Delhi says its aim is total independence



Sinn Fein turns to 'rifle in one hand and ballot paper in other'

DUBLIN- Gerry Adams, leader of Sinn Fein, the poblical wing of the outlawed Irish Republican Army (IRA), scoms the Irish parliament, saying it is full of "unprincipled careerists jockeying for the ministerial mercedes."

But that disdain bas not deterred his party. Sinn Fein has ended its 65-year-old boycott of the Dublin parliament and plans to take up any seats won in the next general election.

With Prime Minister Garret Fitzgerald's minority government now in imminent danger of collapse and the spectre arising of the IRA holding the balance of power in a hung parliament, the Irish political scene has the makings of a very explosive cock tail.

The IRA is fighting to end Lish Republic. British rule in Northern Ireland In his book, and reunite the province with the 26 counties of the Irish Republic.

Adams, an unlikely-looking revolutionary with his college professor beard, tweed jacket and pipe, has now pitched his hat into the arena with "The Politics of thinly veiled election manifesto.

It has been published less than two months after Sinn Fein took a historic vote at its annual party congress to abandoo the long-standing policy of abstentionism.

The party bad always refused to take up any seats won in the Irish Parbament, arguing that would legitimise the 1922 British partitioning of Ireland into the Protestant-dominated northern province and the mainly Cathobc

In his book, Adams candidly admits that Sinn Fein lacks political acumen and suffers from major organisational difficulties. But the political leader who

openly supports the IRA's armed struggle against the British in Northern Ireland feels the time is Irish Freedom," a precise but ripe to enter the political impassioned book that reads a mainstream in the Irish Republic. mainstream in the Irish Republic. He condemns Fitzgerald's Fine Gael party as "political paranoids" and says of the prime minister's Labour Party coalitioo

partners: "How they can call

themselves socialists escapes me." Fianna Fail leader Charles Haughey, most favoured in opinion polls to win the election expected by February, is applauded as "a genuine nationalist who wants to bring about a British withdrawal."

it exists now would not have the will to do so."

The book offers intriguing insights into the moulding of a revolutionary activist in Northern Ireland where 17 years of sectarian strife have cost more than 2,500 lives.

Adams, born in Belfast the son of a builder's labourer and imprisoned IRA veteran, first worked as a barman in a Protestant bar and then was drawn into the civil rights movement started by Catholics complaining of systematic discrimination by the Protestant majority.

In and out of prison m the 1970s, he is a constant target for Protestant paramilitary extremists who attempted in 1984 to kill him. He escaped with gunshot wounds in the neck and shoulder. Today be can write dispassionately,"I feel nn harred But Adams said Fianna Fail "as

towards those who are trying to kill us. They are doing their duty as they see it and are unfortunate dupes of salaried politicians and victims of colonialism."

He is much more emotional in recalling the deaths of 10 IRA bunger strikers in Northern Ireland who sought in vain in 1981 to be recognised as political

Adams, who was apposed to the hunger strikes because he felt they were doomed to fail, said: "1 am probably still too close to them to be able to reflect upon them in tranquility. I would not like to live through that awful experience again."

As for the 1RA, he is unequivocal in support: "The tactic of armed struggle is of primary importance because it provides a vital cutting edge."

"The IRA today is one of the

few guerrilla forces in the world which operates in and from within the occupied area and, despite the long duration of this phase of struggle, the IRA continues to enjoy unsurpassed community support."

Adams took over Sinn fein in 1983 and the abandonment of abstentionism confirmed the party's power base had sbifted from the traditional Dublin old-guard Republicans to the Belfast "front-line" activists he leads.

Now his mucb-trumpeted policy of "an armalite rifle in one hand and a ballot paper in the other" will soon be put to the electoral test in the Irish Republic where Sinn Fein's best chances of success are in horder coostituencies and amid the inner city poor of Dublin's working class

Helping the poor to help themselves

In many Third World countries, the governments and the decision-makers have woken up to the reality that it is not always the people who really need financial assistances in the form of loans who actually get them. There are hopeful signs of softening of the hardnosed attitude which distinguishes between those who can afford to secure a loan though they may not need it and those who need loans but cannot afford to ...

ILO feature *

If is easy enough for the rich to raise bank loans. They can put up the necessary collateral and are often viewed by banks as low-risk borrowers. For the hundreds of millions of assetless poor in the rural areas of the developing world, however, the prospects of raising a loan from orthodox banking institutions remain as remote as squeezing water out of

But there are hopeful signs of a softening of this hard-nosed attitude. Many developing countries, anxious to alleviate rural poverty, have launched programmes specifically aimed at providing credit to help the poorest of the poor to escape fro.n the poverty trap. In countries like India, Bangladesh, Nepal and Zimbabwe, iooovative credu schemes have helped tens of thousands of the poor to secure loans to finance some form of income-generating activity.

In a recent article in the International Labour Review. Philippe Egger of the ILO notes however that these credit schemes have reached relatively few of the poor. The rural areas in developing countries still receive less than a quarter of the total credit. "In Africa it has been estimated that fewer than 20 per cent of the farmers have access to financial services. In most poor countries, the share of non-institutional credit in total agricultural finance is still very high, often more than 50 per

Even the available credits have largely gone to a few privileged borrowers who are well enough organised to benefit from such flows. The rural elite, says Mr. Egger, have been able to take advantage of their good urban connections and capitalise on their existing assets. It is the small farmers who, given their potentially higher total productivity, stand most to gain from the adoption of new technology. But they are bypassed by such credit programmes, totally neglecting the needs of the rural like-minded women from the poor who are forced to borrow same neighbourhood who interest from money lenders to

finance non-farm activities. have initiated innovative credit medical expenses or other social programmes which have expenses. There are now some revolutionalised lending policies, removing the traditional collateral requirements for loans. The programme seeks to substitute Some clubs have become 'group liability' in place of collateral. Five or ten persons group together and are made jointly liable for repayment of loans taken by its members. The technique has proved extremely effective in reducing default risks often cited by banks for their reluctance to lend to the poor. Repayment rates reported by some of these new credit programmes are as high as 98 per

Mr. Egger cites the Grameen (rural) Bank scheme of Bangladesh as an example. Started in 1976, the bank literally 'goes" to the villages to lend money to the landless poor, giving them a free hand in the use of loans to finance some form of scheme now covers some 100,000 members, more than half of them women. The Bank has extended loans totalling 516 million, and eveo more significant, has helped the borrowers to save a total of \$1.5 million. Only the poorest of the poor, those owning no more Contrary to prevailing than 0.4 acre of land or have attitudes, the poor are income-generating activities such as basket weaving, pottery, dairy farming etc.

"As a special bank for the poor. the Grameen Bank has been remarkably successful. Its concludes Mr. Egger.

continuing expansion not only shows that the poor arc creditworthy and can use loans productively but should dispel any doubts that they could become regular and reliable customers of commercial and public banks if their services were made available to them under similar institutional arrangements" notes Mr. Egger. India's Self-Employed

Women's Association (SEWA) and the Working Women's Forum (WWF) have also helped to secure credit, on low interest rates, to their members. SEWA members now number 15,000, organised into small groups, each electing a leader to sit on the Association's representative board, Initially SEWA acted as a go-between for borrowers and national banks which, under pressure from it and with its guarantee, agreed to grant loans at a low rate of interest (4 per cent) to its members. But bank procedures, opening hours and other difficulties experienced by the members led them to set uptheir own bank. The association continues to supervise loan applications and monitor repayment while providing technical assistance in selecting members' activities and in upgrading their skills. The repayment rate is close to 90 per cent, once again shattering the general view that the poor are credit risks.

The Working Women's Foru.n too has adopted an identical strategy. Field workers mobilise the women and encourage thein to form groups of 20 or 30 members. along occupation or neighbourhood lines, Loans are obtained from banks or provided through the WWFs own Credit Society, a cooperative which now has some 4000 share holding WWF members. The cooperative has provided some 30 per cent of the credit needs of members, with

the balance coming from banks. The spontaneous emergence of savings clubs in Zimbabwe also underscores the desire for, and the benefits that access to credit can bring to the poor. The clubs are autonomus, composed of like-minded women from the small sums at usurious rates of contribute to a collective savings fund on which they can draw to purhcase farm inputs and Some developing countries implements or to pay school fees, 5,700 such savings clubs in Zimbabwe with a total membership of well over 200,000. prosperous enough to branch out into collective ventures such as

poultry and vegetable farming.

The Small Farmers Development Programme in Nepal is another example of how credit to the poor can bring about a significant improvement in their living standards. The programme which now covers 25,000 persons organised in 2,500 groups, provides loans without any collateral other than group liability to the group members. "The Small Farmer Development Programme has successfully promoted broad economic and social cooperation among the poor, encouraging them to form group enterprises, to cut down on costly social ceremonies and to income-generating activity. The elect their leaders to local government bodies. By and large the loans have been used for productive investments which, with encouragingly high rates of return, have a significant impact on output, employment and income." notes Mr. Égger.

family assets not exceeding the creditworthy. The repayment market value of one acre of land ,records of these programmes, says are eligible for loans which are Mr. Egger, are well above the invariably used to finance average of traditional credit projects. Credit, under the right conditions, can enable the poor to increase their employment and income and is thus, an effective instrument for combating poverty,

The Great Salt Lake is on the rise again sparking fears

Mormon settlers arrived at Utah's Great Salt Lake in 1847, it stood at 4,200 feet elevation. Twenty-six years later it had risen to its bistoric high of 4,211.6 feet, causing Mormon leader Brigham Young to propose spilling its water into the desert.

Today, the Great Salt Lake is on the rise again; record rain and snowfall have caused it to swell almost nine feet in only two years. Last year's peak, reached in late May, was 4,209.95 feet. Once more, people are talking about flooding 400,000 acres of desert. Some officials fear that the lake could reach its historic high.

At that level, experts say, the lake would begin to inundate parts of Salt Lake City. State Senator Fred W. Finlinson says that without the scheme to pump water west into the desert, the Southern

Pacific Railroad would have to would have to relocate. Interstate 80, the main east-west highway, would also have to be rerouted on bigher ground.

Now larger than Delaware

A remnant of ancient Lake Bonneville, the Great Salt Lake has risen and fallen for millennia. In 1963— its historic low— some Utahans believed the lake would dry up. But wet winters and cool, cloudy summers have since increased its surface area from 900 to 2,300 square miles. Since 1982, the lake has expanded from 80 to 110 per cent the size of Delaware, reports Rick Gore in the National Geographic

shut its line, and Union Pacific the historic high of 4,211.6 feet would spell disaster for the homes, roads, waste-treatment plants. and public facilities that have been built in recent years on the lake's floodplain. "She's a mean old gal," says Fmlinson.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been spent on flood control. To keep ahead of the encroaching waters, railroad companies have been forced to elevate railbeds. Teams of bulldozers have hurriedly built dikes and raised I-80 against waters that lap its sides. Thousands of acres of pasture and cropland have been inundated, and mineral companies that process the lake's brine have repeatedly elevated and repaired dikes.

Tourism at Great Salt Lake Park is off - many beaches are flooded-and the lake has claimed



The Great Salt Lake laps at Interstate 80 as the major east-west highway skirts the Oquirrh Mountains, at right, to enter Salt Lake City at the base of Wasatch Range, at left. The lake nverran its southern shore in 1984, so crews raised six miles of

millions of migrating birds used to

linger here for months, feeding

and resting. Now I'd say 90 per cent of them bypass us."

Reading while floating

The largest lake west of the

Mississippi River, the Great Salt Lake once had a salinity exceeding

20 per cent; it was so buoyant that

Railroad huilt an earthen

causeway across the middle of the

lake, cutting off its northwest arm from the freshwater flow of the

three main tributaries; the Bear.

Thus the northwest arm grew

saltier, while the south, flush with

river flow, grew fresher. The recent inflow of fresh water has

mixed quickly in the shallow lake.

dropping salinity in the southern

Weber, and Jordan rivers.

a person could read a newspaper while floating on his back. In 1959 the Southern Pacific

level changes since the highway was built in the 1960s. Experts say continued water level increases may force a rerouting of the road (National Geographic photo). some of the West's most valuable arm to less than six per cent. it." wildlife refuges. "We've Inst ·(Seawater averages 3.5 per cent.) almost all our marshes," says Tim Provan, who worked for 17 years "There's water flowing into the lake 365 days a year," says bydrologist Ted Amow of the in the state's waterfowl programme. They are just acres of salty waves. Millions upon

U.S. Geological Survey, "It's like a hig bathtub without a drain. Water can only getout one way. It evaporates, mostly in the summer. The lake is salty because evaporation leaves behind the salts and minerals that runoff has leached out of the mountain rocks. When evaporation can't keep up

with precipitation and runoff, the lake rises." Record rainfall in September 1982 triggered the basin's current problem. Then winter brought imprecedented snows-as great as 835 inches - to the nearby Wasatch Range, and a sudden May heat wave sent torrents of snowmelt down to the lake. The

accumulated, "We thought the first winter was a once-in-a-hundred-year event," says Salt Lake meteorologist Mark Eubank. Then nature turned around and did the same thing again. You'd never predict that, never expect

next winter, even more snow

the roadbed by seven feet to accommodate water

Danger of earthquakes

Even more worrisome for Great Basin residents is the little-publicised vulnerability to earthquakes. Deep under the basin, an unusually bot one in the Earth's upper mantle causes the brittle top crust to stretch-about four inches a century - and to fracture in a north-south direction. During the past 15 million years in the Great Basin. enormous blocks formed in the process have tilted along the fractures, creating valleys like that filled by the Great Salt Lake.

Utah's major seismic zone, the Wasatch Fault, runs along the Wasatch Front, where 80 per cent of Utahans bve and where an earthquake as great as 7.5 on the Richter scale has occurred every 400 to 1,000 years. One consultant said there was an 80 per cent chance of a major quake along the fault within the next 50 years. Even a moderate earthquake while the basin is so waterlogged would undoubtedly trigger landslides.

"My figuid assets," besieged developer Walty Wright jokes as be paddles his boat across the dance after Wright opened the place, it flooded. He has since surrounded the site with a dike. He plans to ful in the first floor and open the building as a marina floor of Saltair. In 1983, he revived the famous with a restaurant on the second floor (National beach resort, which was founded in 1983 as an amusement palace on the Great Salt Lake. A year Geographic photo)

Pace of Alzheimer's research quickens with new discoveries

By Daniel Q. Haney
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Scientists are pecling away the mystery from. Alzheimer's disease, with discoveries reported in recent days pointing toward the cause and perhaps the cure of the leading cause of senility among the clderly.

"We are at an exciting time in this research," said Dr. Andrew Monjan of the National Institute on Aging. Potential causes and cures "are no longer as distant," be said. Three new pieces of work

coming out last week were exciting, said Dr. Katherine Bick, deputy director of the National Institute for Neurological and Communicative Disorders and "Bnt I don't think this is the last

word on any of these things," she said of the recent discoveries. We've just moved a step forward and now are going to be able to ask a few more sophisticated questions.

Alzheimer's destroys elderly people's memory, their speech, their mobility and even their ability to feed themselves. An estimated 2.5 million Americans have it, and 100,000 die from it

Despite its prevalence,

tough to recognise. Until now, there has been no clear hallmark amounts to ruling out other illnesses that produce similar

At a scientific meeting last week in Washington, Dr. Peter Davies of Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York told of tracking down a protein called

If this work holds up to further scrutiny, it could be the basis of the first test for Alzheimer's.

It appears as though large amounts of this protein occur in the brains of Alzheimer's victims but not those of healthy people. This means it may be possible to diagnose the disease in its early stages with an ordinary spinal tap. Such early diagnosis will probably be essential if medicine is to be successful in stopping the disease before it destroys the brain.

Finding such a test bas been a top goal of government-sponsored research, Monjan said. If we are able to come up with

a treatment," he said in an interview, "the earlier we can intervene in the development of the disease, the greater the likelihood that we can make an impact on the outcome of the

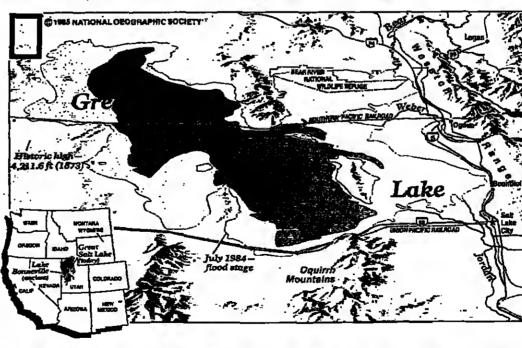
No such cure exists for or cure for the disease.

however, Alzheimer's disease is Alzheimer's disease, and none is imminent. But another new study suggests a possible way to at aleast of the disease. Diagnosing it relieve some of the worst symptoms. Dr. William K. Summers of the University of California, Los Angeles, recently published his experiments with a long-forgotten drug that seems, at least temporarily, to sharpen victims' memories.

> Summers is the only researcher to achieve success so far with this experimental drug, called Tetrahydroaminoacrine, or Tha. Moujan said the medicine will have to be subjected to large well-controlled studies before experts can be certain it is truly

A Third thread of evidence revealed last week was the isolation of the gene responsible for a protein that may play a key role in Alzheimer's. This gene, found by Dr. Dmitry V. Goldhaber and colleagues from the National Institutes of Health, makes a protein that clogs the

brains of people with the disease. Learning about this gene and the protein it makes could help scientists understand the underlying mechanisms that go awry when Alzheimer's strikes. Such basic insights should be valuable for tailoring a treatment



The Great Salt Lake's rise to its July 1984 flood levels is attributed to wet winters and cool, cloudy summers, which inhibit evaporation, The historic high of 4,221.6 feet in 1873 inspired Mormon leader Brigham Young to propose spilling the lake into the desert. The northwest arm of the lake is divided

from the Southern half by the Southern Pacific Railroad canseway. It deprives the northwest arm of the lake of fresh water, making it saltier, while the southern half, flush with fresh water from other rivers, is becoming fresher (National Geographic

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Everton moves to within one of leader Arsenal

Sheffield Wednesday 6-1, while

Glasgow Celtic stayed top of the

Scottish Premier League after a

thrilling 8-3 win over Hamilton.

Everton's "plastic paralysis" looked set to continue as it

struggled to hreak down the home

But a glorious through ball from

England midfielder Trevor Steven

put sharp away in the 67th minute

and the Scottish striker slotted

home his fifth goal of the season. Liverpool, playing in front of a

capacity crowd, was unable to

make the most of its

overwhelming possession with the post saving West Ham once and

goalkeeper Phil Parkes twice with line stops from Paul Walsh.

West Ham defence was left

flat-footed as Ian Rush knocked

down a Mark Lawrenson cross

Forest's championship

challenge appears to be fading

after it ran up its sixth game

slog it past cover, only to see his

The shots which led to the

The result meant that England

dismissals of the remaining five

batsmen were equally injudicious.

joined Pakistan in qualifying for

the series final, with both Australia and the West Indies

having lost each of their first two

In reality, the Windies should

not have had 229 to chase, and it

seemed casual in the field when it

seemed to have England on the

The West Indies innings started

as badly as had England earlier

when Desmond Haynes, in only the fourth over, fell lbw to

Gladstone Small for only four. Richie Richardson (12) and Gordon Greenidge (20) exited

with only 51 runs on the board, the

former the victim of a marvellous

diving grab at square leg by

England skipper Mike Gatting.

Richards came in, the crowd was

expectant, and for a time he did

He went to 45 off 60 balls and

The returns of ageing hut still

eminently formidable speedsters

always going to spell trouble for

hetween them and it took

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England and so it proved.

not disappoint.

stumps shattered.

games.

and McMahon stabbed home.

equaliser for its 1-1 draw.

But with six minutes left the

defence at Loftus road.

LONDON (R) — Graeme Sharp's second half goal helped Everton notch its first victory on the plastic pitch at Queen's Park Rangers and cut Arsenal's lead at the top of the English First Division to one point Saturday.

Everton is the only side in England to emerge from the holiday period with a 100 per cent record. Saturday's 1-0 success being its fourth win in the nine days since Christmas Day.

Arsenal meets north London rivals Tottenham, fifth at start of play, in a televised match Sunday. Liverpool snatched a late 1-0 win over West Ham, midfielder Steve McMahon's 84th minute goal keeping the champion in third place six points behind Arsenal.

Fourth-placed Nottingham Forest drew 0-0 at Aston Villa while Norwich scored a late equaliser to draw 1-1 with lowly Charlton. Luton joined these two teams on 39 points, nine below Arsenal, after beating Chelsea 1-0 at home.

Manchester United drew 1-1 at . Southampton after playing all hut 85 seconds of the game with 10 men following the dismissal of

midfielder Liam O'Brien. O'Brien, playing in only his third game for United, was sent off for a fearsome tackle on Southampton defender Mark Dennis, no angel himself with 10

dismissals so far in his career. Goals were the name of the game at Leicester, who beat

PERTH, Australia (AP)—Panic

causes people to do strange things

and despite their greatness, the West Indies cricket team is

The emotion was the principle

cause of the Windies' 19-run loss

to England in the fourth match of

the Benson and Hedges Challenge at the WACA Ground here

Just as it did when

comprehensively beaten hy

Pakistan in the series opener last

Tuesday, the West Indies fell

apart with the game seemingly at

The West Indies lost its last six

wickets for only 31 runs after Gus

Logie and Jeffrey Dujon seemed

certain to steer it to victory with a

Graham Dilley snatched the

game out of the fire for England

with a hurst of 4-7 from 19

deliveries at the crunch, getting rid

of both Logie (51) and Dujon

(36), as well as making short work of both Malcolm Marshall (7) and

The hall before Dujon was

clean-bowled undoubtedly cost

him his wicket and triggered the

Logie lofted a drive towards

mid-on where Phil Edmonds had

the catch jarred from his grasp as

witness to the hizarre sight of both

batsmen hurtling down the wicket

avoided, but the first signs of panic

were there, and for no

next delivery and attempted to

Dujon backed away from the

The crowd of 12,000 was then

Amazingly, a run out was

degree of comfort.

Michael Holding (7).

he hit the ground.

in the same direction.

accountable reason.

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collapse.

its mercy, panicking inexplicably, and losing inevitably.

extremely susceptible to it.

Saturday.

players, incensed by the Wayne Biggins goal, surrounded him angrily. Mark Stuart scored Charlton's goal in the 22nd

Leicester climbed off the bottom after the best 45 minutes of its season. Drawing 1-1 at halftime against Wednesday the team scored five goals in the second half with Steve Moran hitting a hat-trick in a 24-minute period.

Newcastle's 13th defeat of the season, 2-1 to Coventry, put it back at the bottom of the table, three points adrift of Villa Leicester and Charlton.

Celtic took out its frustration on bottom club Hamilton after the 2-0 defeat by city rival Rangers on

New Year's Day. Leading 2-1 at halftime Celtic scored six in the second half to equal the Premier Division scoring record of eight goals in a match. Brian McClair took his season's total to 24 with four while Murdo MaeLeod and Alan

McInally each scored twice. Hamilton needs not he despondent, however, as it was the first time this season it had scored

three goals. The game hetween second-placed Rangers versus Motherwell was one of three postponed in the Premier Division as wintry weather took it toll on Scottish pitches. Celtic leads the division by five points hut Rangers

without a win against the First Division's worst defence while Norwich had to rely on a controversial 74th minute Referee David Axcell was carried off after slumping to the division by five points hu ground when the Charlton has two games in hand.

W.Indies panics, England triumphs Broad's tremendous string of high scores to an abrupt end. Marshall bowled three wides in his opening over, but with the last legal ball of it had the left-hander caught in the gully by Gamer.

Athey was soon back in the pavilion with his opening partner by courtesy of Garner, who also dispatched David Gower for only 11 with the score at 35.

Allan Lamb was easily the best of the England batsman and began his great innings of 71 with a square cut to the fence off Marshall.

Gatting stayed with him while 32 runs were added, but England was in strife at 4-67 when the mighty' Botham arrived at the wicket.

The world's premier all-rounder, however, failed to deliver the expected fireworks. A crashing on-drive for four off Courtney Walsh was his only shot

of real substance and he was out for 11, top-ed Harper to Greenidge at square At 5-96, things looked desperate for England but Lamb

looked in complete command, but and Richard turned things around top-edged a pull shot off John with their stand of 60 in 65 balls. Emhurey to give Chris Broad a With the score at 6-156 in the simple catch at deep backward. 36th over when Lamb departed, square leg.
The Windies was 4-104, but England was in a much more comfortable position and then the highest stand of the Emburey. Edmonds and Small innings, 74 between Logie and assisted in boosting England's Dujon seemed certain to carry it

total to a highly creditable 9-228. Richards was out immediately after reaching his 50 from 63 balls, becoming the third of Garner's

Joel Garner and Marshall was victims. Gamer's 5-47 and Marshall's 2-30 were testimony to their The pair took seven wickets effectiveness and the pair were clearly the pick of the Windies Marshall only one over to hring bowlers.

recreational centres.

Paris-Dakar rallyists get ready for Sahara leg

ALGIERS (R)— Competitors in the controversial Paris-Dakar Rally landed Saturday in Algiers, the first African stop on their 13,000 kilometre battle through seven countries.

The 498 vehicles - 282 cars, 143 motorcycles and 73 trucksarrived from Barcelona in three ferries. It was the first time in the nine-year-old rally's history that the route had taken them through a non-French port en route to Africa. Saturday afternoon they

headed off into the Sahara desert and first stop in Ghardaia, about 500 kilometres from Algiers. Their route then takes them through El Golea, in Salah and Tamanrasset and from there to Arlit in Niger.

Controversy has surrounded the rally since its creation. The French public sees it as the greatest adventure on wheels spiced by the participation of showhusiness figures, spectacular accidents and mishaps.

But opponents criticise the

event as a shameful waste of money as it passes through poor, drought-plauged countries.

Spectacular incidents are eommon. In 1982, Mark Thatcher, the son of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, went missing and last year the rally's founder, Thierry Sabine, was killed when his helicopter crashed

The 22-day race began on New Year's Day from Versailles Palace outside Paris and the competitors have already completed a first 1,200 kilometre stage to Barcelona.

Sporting interest this year focuses on the duel between the superfast French Peugeot 205 Turbo rally cars led by Finland's Ari Vatanen and the four-wheel drive vehicles of Japanese

An army of technicians and journalists using planes, helicopters and state-of-the-art communications equipment will beam daily results and television picutres to Paris from the heart of the Sahara Desert.

The rally is due to end on Jan. 22 in Dakar, capital of Senegal. From past experience, only one competitor in four will get there.

"What was most unexpected

was the quality of my short game,"

Irwin said. "I'm chipping well and

making a lot of eight to 15-foot

putts. My basic putting stroke is pretty solid," he said.

"Not having played in the last

six weeks, every shot becomes a

bit of an experiment," Irwin said.

"May be that's the way you play

this game."
After 36 holes only six players

Curtis Strange and Calvin Peete

stood at one-under-par 143, while

Corey Pavin, Andy Bean and Ben

Crenshaw were seven strokes behind the leaders at even-par

Verplank said he was struggling

with his swing.
"I didn't hit the ball that well.

The way I swing the club I have to be happy with a 71," he said.

were under par.

Irwin, Verplank tied for second round golf lead

FORT MYERS, Florida (R) -Hale 1 rwin posted four-under-par 68 Friday to move into a tie for the lead with first round leader Scott Verplank after two rounds of the \$250,000 Florida Invitational Golf Tournament.

Verplank, who started the day. with a three-stroke lead after firing a six-under-par 66 Thursday carded a one-under 71 to bold onto a piece of first place at seven-under-par 137. West German Bernhard Langer

and Davis Love were three shots off the pace at four-under-par 140. They hoth shot one-under-par 71s on the day over the 7,162-yard Fiddlesticks Country Club course.

The 41-year-old Irwin, who had not touched a golf club for six-weeks prior to this 54-hole, 12-player tournament, offset two bogeys with six hirdies.

South Australian Men's Open.

In a tight semi-final match

against Americans Kelly Jones

conditions and three tiebreakers

to sneak through to the final with a

Lendland Scanlon secured their

place in the final on Friday night

after defeating Americans Ken

Flach and Matt Anger in straight

Scanlon hopes to use this week's

open to regain a doubles ranking

lost through injuries in 1985, while Lendl has been using the

doubles events to gain valuable grasscourt preparation for the

Australian Open later this month.

6-7, 7-6, 7-6 victory.

Mandlikova, Australian team Shriver in to meet Lendl, Brisbane final Scanlon in final

BRISBANE, Australia (R)- Topseed Hana Mandlikova of ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)-Czechoslovakia will meet America's Pam Shriver in Australians Peter Doohan and Laurie Warder Saturday moved Sunday's final of the Brisbane into the doubles final against Mandikova Saturday had to American Bill Scanlon in the

overcome determined fellow countrywoman Helena Sukova before winning her semifinal 4-6, Shriver, the number two seed,

and Brad Pearce, postponed from Friday because of rain, Doohan and Warder withstood chilly won her semifinal against another American, Betsy Nagelsen, 6-1, Retaining the powerful form

that Friday shattered West German Eva Pfaff, Shriver smashed through Nagelsen's first service game and the Hawaiian girl never recovered. Nagelsen desperately tried to stay in the fight but almost every

time she attempted an attacking shot she found Shriver peering back over the net to belt away a winner.

Shriver said later: "1 served too well and had my rhythm going so 1 knew pretty early that 1 could

available end of January.

NBA roundup

Indiana overcomes LA Clippers

became the second coach with 800 victories with Indiana's 116-106 National Basketball Association victory over the Los Angeles

Clippers Friday night.
"I don't think about individual" things that much," Ramsay said after reaching the milestone. "I'm a team-oriented person. I'm more interested in what my team does

than what I do."
Ramsay, 61, who started coaching in the NBA in 1968, is 13g victories shy of the leagu record by Boston's Red Averbach.

Rookie Chuck Person and Steve Stipanovich scored 29 points apiece, keying the Indiana

In other NBA games, it was Detroit 129, New Jersey 128; Boston 113, Chicago 99; Atlanta 118, Washington 101; Milwaukee 91, Cleveland 84; Dallas 117, Seattle 107; Houston 114, Denver 111; Philadelphia 104, Utah 99; Los Angeles Lakers 155, Phoenix 118; and Golden State 115. Sacramento 109.

76ers 104, Jazz 99

Charles Barkley scored 30 points, including four free throws in the final 90 seconds, and pulled down 14 rebounds for Philadelphia. The game was tied 95-95 with 3:26 remaining before points and reserve guard Mike behind Joe Barry Carroll's 35 the 76ers scored seven straight points, including two from overcame an 18-point deficit with points for the Kings. 95-95 with 3:26 remaining before

Lakers 155, Suns 118

Los Angeles tied an NBA record with 89 points in the first half on the way to its rout of Phoenix, Magic Johnson had 32 points and 14 assists for the Lakers, who led 89-60 at halftime and coasted to their sixth consecutive victory.

Rockets 114, Nuggets 111

Akeem Olajuwon had 32 points and 13 rebounds as Houston held off a late rally to beat Denver. Alex English had 25 points, Lever 23 and Danny Schayes 22 for the

Celtics 113, Bulls 99

Larry Bird and Kevin McHale scored 37 and 29 points. respectively, neutralising Michael Jordan as Boston beat Chicago for its fith straight victory. The Bulls, led by Jordan with 34 points. rallied from a 25-point deficit in the second half and closed the margin to 93-85 with six minutes remaining.

Hawks 118, Bullets 101

Dominique Wilkins scored 30

NEW YORK (AP)—Coach Jack Barkley and four from Julius a hig third quarter against Washington. Moses Majone led Washington with 27 points.

Bucks 91, Cavaliers 84

Ricky Pierce, the league's. leading scorer off the beach scored 10 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as Milwankee outlasted Cleveland down the stretch. Ron Harper led Cleveland with 24 points.

Pistons 129, Nets 128

Detroit won its fourth straight as Vinnie Johnson scored 14 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter against New Jersey. Adrian Dantley scored 23 points for Detroit and Lambeer added 21. Orlando Woolridge led the Nets with 29 points.

Mavericks 117, Sonics 197

Mark Aguirre scored 27 points for Dallas, which beat Seattle for its 13th win in 14 home games this season. The Supersonics got 28 points from former Mavericks. guard Dale Ellis and 26 from Tom. Chambers.

Warriors 115, Kings 109

Golden State handed Sacrameto its fourth straight loss

York Yacht Club, and is seeking

to defend it with Australia IV, said

sponsorship money gained by the

should have been channelled to

developer and hotel owner who

led the ill-fated Steak'n Kidney

Syndicate, said the policies of the

club allowed it "to make extensive

financial gain from the defence of

"If the cup is lost this could be

one of the major contributing

Bond, a member of the club,

enormous amount of money on an

extravaganza." The club's leaders

failed to realise they were the

custodians of the America's Cup

Bond said the club would make

\$10 million off the America's

Noel Robins, the managing director of Australia's defence of

the America's Cup, the club's

but "didn't own the cup."

Syd Fischer, a Sydney property

the defenders.

the cup.

factors," he said.

Steak'n Kidney upsets Kookaburra III

FREMANTLE, Australia (AP)— Steal'n Kidney departed the America's Cup in high style Saturday, upsetting Kookaburra III in the defenders' semi-finals, while Australia IV defeated Kookaburra II by 41 seconds in a race certain to be decided by a protest jury.

Both Australia IV and Kookaburra II flew protest flags after a near collision on the reaching leg which saw Australia IV schute ripped down the centre. The two boats apparently did not touch, but witnesses said Australia IV had not responded properly to

Steak'n Kidney had heen excused earlier in the day under sailing rules that call for the withdrawal of boats with no chance of making the finals. The Sydney boat has won only five of 36 races and has 24 points.

The 39-second victory by

Steak'n Kidney put a dent in the Kookaburra syndicate's hopes of having its two boats in the final. With six points being given each

boat, the provisional standings find Australia IV ahead with 71 points. Second place is held by Kookaburra III with 65 while Kooka II has 58 points. Had Iain Murray been able to

steer Kooka III to victory, it would have kept the boat in a tie for first place with the possibility of Australia IV being disqualified. If Kookaburra II's protest is upheld, Kooka III and Australia IV would be tied with 65 points, with Kooka II one point behind.

The ineident between Kookaburra II and Australia IV took place on the reaching leg with both flying spinnakers. Beashel and Aussie IV were to windward and slightly behind.

As Australia IV gained ground it caused the Kookaburra chute to collapse and the golden-hulled boat either broached or luffed

toward Beashel's 12-metre, defender syndicates have fired Beashel attempted to avoid a broadsides at the Royal Perth collision but his spinnaker either Yacht Club, accusing it of caught on Kookaburra's rigging or hlew up in the violent manocuvre.

The rule is that the windward boat must give way in this situation if won the cup in 1983 from the New the boats are not "mast abeam." which means the two boats are in line. It did not appear as if Australia IV was in this position. club from selling international

There was nothing flukey about television and marketing rights Steak'n Kidney's victory. Phil Thompson sailed her to a 19-second edge at the first mark. and led all the way. It was close on the 24.5-mile triangular course, and twice Murray moved to within 10 seconds of his foe only to fall

Beashel and Australia IV were the cup while they had very little outmanoeuvred at the start by to do with the actual winning of Gilmour, who had a four second lead at the gun. A lot of sponsors funds that Kookaburra held the lead should have gone to the

through the first three buoy competing syndicates went into roundings before losing it on the reach during which the lufting coffers," he said. incident took place. Beashel was six seconds ahead

at the wing mark and added seven seconds on the second reach. Going to weather on the sixth leg, said the RPYC had "wasted an Australia IV increased its margin to 30 seconds, added three seconds on the final spinnaker run. Gilmour gambled on the final beat to the finish line, but ended

up losing another eight seconds.
The winds on the Indian Ocean were moderate with the 17-knot breezes at the start and around 20 at the finish. The waves were around three feet.

The final round robm begins Sunday with the two Kookaburra's meeting. Australia IV will sail the course alone and pick up six points as provided for m the regatta rules.

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He said the money was being put into a sporting trust to be administered by the International Yacht Racing Union and the elub.

Santana agrees to coach

S. Arabian team RIO DE JANEIRO (R) - Tele

Santana, who coached Brazil to the quarterfinals of the World Cup. last June, has accepted an offer to work in Saudi Arabia, he said in a television interview

Santana, 55, who announced his retirement when Brazil failed to advance to the last four by losing a penalty shootout to France, said he would work for three months at the Al Ahli Club starting in January.

Mentioning no names, Santana said: "1 just couldn't say no to the

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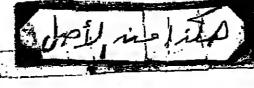
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U.S. eliminates preferential trade status to some nations

WASHINGTON (AP) - in 1985. President Ronald Reagan has trade status for imports from Nicaragua, Romania and Paraguay on grounds those countries discourage unions and violate internationally-recognised

Trade representative, Mr. Clayton Yeutter, said Friday that President Reagan also had decided to end duty-free status on July 1 for 290 products, or about \$3 billion in imports, from Taiwan, South Korea and other newly industrialised countries.

Among the products for which those countries will now have to start paying import tariffs of five percent to seven percent are hand tools, cookware and cameras from South Korea, Hong Kong and Taiwan, concrete hlock, stone products and frozen vegetables from Mexico; furs from Argentina; industrial diamonds from Brazil; and synthetic drugs from Singapore.

But some of those countries, plus less advanced nations such as Colombia, Malaysia and the Philippmes, will acquire new duty-free status for about \$1 billion in exports of 95 other products to the United States, Mr. Yeutter said.

The revisions in the Generalised System of Preferences (GSP) effectively will reduce by \$2 billion the duty-free treatment on some 3,000 products from 140 developing countries. received the duty-free treatment

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amusement that is worthwhile.

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FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1987

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You may feel a little

depression today. It is necessary to rise above this to

find new ideas. Tonight it would be wise to avoid any

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You may feel tied down,

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A friend may be disap-

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Contact a prominent

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You may feel.

frustrated today, but you can go out and garner the

LEO Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Organizing your ideas may

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) You may find it difficult

be difficult, but don't give up and soon you will get good

to contact one who is important, but later you can see

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Wait until the afternoon

before planning your activities for the new week. Take

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Handle the duties

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Avoid any

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Be very serious in

your studies and get excellent results. Get into hobbies

you like and enjoy them.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Come out of that

slump and do something to improve your situation.

Make repairs to your property.
PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Your wishes may seem

hard to obtain, but later you can get them. Take no risks concerning your reputation.
IF YOUR CHILD IS BORN TODAY ... he or she may

appear not to be able to acquire knowledge, but actual-

ly is learning lessons more thoroughly than others and will retain whatever is learned. Upon reaching maturity, your progeny can become very successful at whatever profession is chosen.

arguments at home. Take time to enjoy some outside

around the house that you're responsible for. Make sure

person who can extend a favor to you. Use tact and

pointing, but later other friends can bring much

bnt this helps you work out some private plan. See some

Mr. Yeutter said President moved to eliminate duty-free Reagan's decision to begin imposing the tariffs on the 290 products while removing them from 95 other imports represents a "redirection" shifting duty-free status to countries with greater

> Goods from six so-called newly industrialised countries- Taiwan, South Korea, Brazil, Mexico, Hong Kong and Singapore which account for a rising share of the \$159-billion U.S. trade deficit the first 11 months of 1986 will lose a net total of \$2.09 billion in annual duty-free status.

> For example, about \$1.65 billion of South Korean exports to the United States in 1985 escaped tariffs under the GSP duty-free programme, which was established in 1976 to help Third World countries develop their

Under the revisions announced Friday, the duty-free status on goods from South Korea, which enjoyed a \$4.8 billion trade surplus with the United States in 1985, would drop 24 per cent to cover only \$1.25 billion of its exports to the United States.

Labour or human rights groups. citing government suppression of unions and other worker rights abuses such as child labour abuses, had asked President Reagan to reduce or terminate the duty-free programme for 11 countries, including Taiwan, South Korea. About \$13.2 billion in imports Chile, Guatemala, Zaire and

AMMAN (J.T.) - The following table summarises trading activities at the Amman Financial Market during the week starting Saturday, Dec. 27, '86 and ending Wednesday, Dec. 30, '86. (Figures io Jordanian dinars)

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Oman cuts '87 spending, projects higher oil income

BAHRAIN (R) - Oman Saturday unveiled a less severe 1987 budget than expected, cutting spending by about six per cent and banking on higher oil revenue to help offset a deficit.

The official Oman News following OPEC's accord last agency said spending this year month to bolster world prices. Agency said spending this year would total 1.61 billion riyals (\$4.2 hillion), while revenue. should reach 1.34 billion rivals (\$3.5 billion).

This would leave a deficit of 275 million riyals (\$714 million), far smaller than 1986's expected

Economists in Muscat said the new spending plans represent an effective six per cent cut on last year when the government retrenched about 10 per cent in the wake of falling oil prices.

The cuts bad been expected to be more severe, but economists

Although not a member of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC). Oman relies heavily on exports of

Like other Gulf states, the sultanate was forced to rethink its economic planning and adopt austerity measures last year when revenue began to fall sharply.

Oman, currently producing 550 million barrels per day, has projected oil income of 1.08 billion riyals (\$2.8 billion) for 1987, a rise of nearly 14 per cent over estimated oil earnings last said Oman now appears to be year of 950 million riyals (\$2.5 hoping for higher oil revenues billion).

The sultanale saw oil prices dip to a low of just \$8.20 per barrel in July last year, but since then they have recovered steadily and

December's price rose to \$15.25. The falling oil price put Oman's budget under severe strain last year and the deficit in the first three quarters totalled a large 440.8 million riyals (\$1.1 billion).

The shortfall was partly covered hy foreign loans, but the Oman News Agency, received here. quoted finance ministry undersecretary. Sheikh Mohammad Ibn Musa Al Youssef, as saying there would be no net new borrowing in 1987.

Deputy prime minister for economic and financial affairs. Sheikh Qais Ibn Abdul Monim Al Zawawi said 1.18 billion riyals 183.1 billion) would be allocated in 1987 for recurrent expenditure. with development spending making up the rest.

PARIS (R)—The Bank of France raised interest rates sharply Friday to support the franc as it fell against the West German mark influenced by worries about the

The bank announced a rise in its key intervention rate to eight per cent from 71/4, effectively pushing up interest rates throughout the French money markets.

Bankers and stockbrokers said the move reflected deepening strains on the economy from a 16-day-old strike by railmen, exacerbated by a weak dollar, which had triggered a run of capital into West Germany.

On the French stock exchange, several billion francs were wiped off share values as a wave of selling pushed down prices across the board. The daily bourse index lost 2.24 per cent and losses outnumbered gains by more than

Brokers said investors had been frightened out of the market by the rising militancy of the striking railmen and fears of more strikes in other public service industries

The strike by workers on the state railway over pay levels and working hours has been seen by economists as one of the most serious challenges yet made to the economic policies of Prime Minister Jacques Chirac whose right-wing government came to power last March pledging to curb public spending in a bid to promote economic expansion.

intervention rate was tas raised, by a quarter of a percentage point, on Dec. 16 when the franc started to come under pressure for a devaluation, widely tipped to come in the form of a realignment of the European Monetary System (EMS) after the West German federal elections later this month.

Foreign exchange dealers said Friday's rise came too late to bolster the franc on the Paris market, where it slid to within two centimes of the 3.3303 mark level at which, under the EMS, the central bank must intervene to support it.

The franc was fixed officially at 3.3120 marks, down from 3.3093 before the New Year holiday. The EMS links the currencies of state-owned railways which has West Germany, France, Italy, The paralysed the national rail Netherlands, Denmark, Ireland. Belgium and Luxembourg in

Some tightening of interest rates had been expected following a pledge to defend the franc given Finance Minister Edouard Balladur in a television interview two days ago, bankers said. But the size of the increase had taken them by surprise,

Earlier, money market dealers had predicted a rise of between a quarter and half a percentage

Dealers said the move was probably the only way left for the authorities to strengthen the franc short of imposing new foreign exchange controls.

Finance ministry officials Friday ruled out new controls, saying it would be unthinkable for a government that came to power committed to economic liberalisation to bring them in.

Meanwhile, hopes for an end to a 24-day-old seamen's strike which has severely disrupted France's ports rose Saturday when the Communist-led CCT trade union signed an accord designed to end the stoppage.

network during the winter holiday The secretary of state for the sea, Mr. Ambroise Guellec, told

French radio that the CGT union signed an accord already approved by other seamon's unions on Dec. 22. The agreement has still to be

put to the strikers for their approval, he said, It modifies the government's

plans to restructure France's merchant navy, particularly a controversial move to allow, shipowners to hire largely non-French crews as a way to cut costs and make the fleet more competitive. Activity at some of France's main ports, including Marseille,

Sami Nazaire and Bordeaux, has been severely disrupted by strike. The state-run SNCF rail authority pledged to provide a skeleton service supplemented by buses to holiday-makers travelling home over the weekend.

But striking railwaymen, who Friday voted to continue their stoppage, are expected to try and block some of the few trains still But there was no progress on running. .

Brazil shifts policy on savings

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil (AP) - The government Friday reinstated cost-of-living increases on savings and loan accounts in a move designed to improve domestic investment.

inflation-fighting reform package called the Cruzado Plan.

The Cruzado Plan, which subsequently underwent major modifications, had ended the practice of "indexing," which linked wage and price increases to inflation. Indexing was one reason Brazilian inflation had reached 200 per cent in 1986.

With prices frozen for the first time in years, consumers went on a buying spree and many items, including meat and milk, became

Inflation in 1986 was trimmed to about 50 per cent and only 13.87

per cent since the Cruzado Plan took effect. During that time, government-guaranteed savings and loan accounts paid no cost-of-living adjustments. Under the Dec. 31 central bank resolution, savings accounts will

receive an inflation corrector in addition to the six per cent annual The government wants ordinary citizens to have faith in savings accounts instead of investing money in speculative areas, such as the illegal black market for U.S. dollars.

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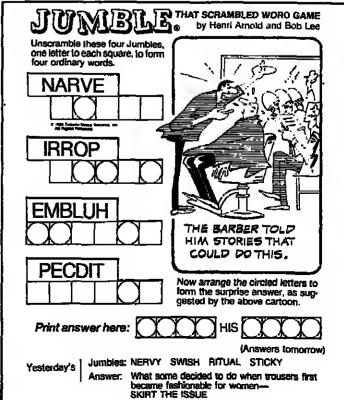


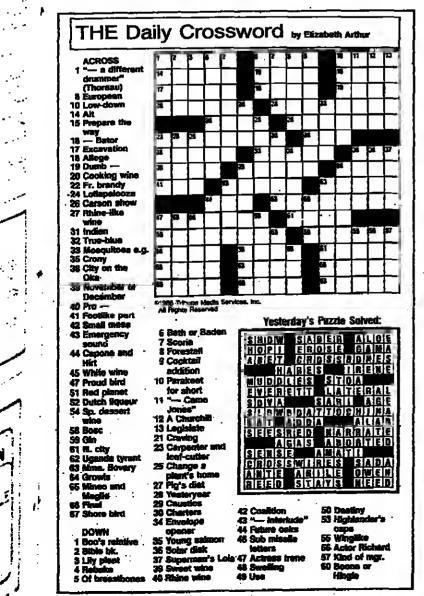












Enrile calls government 'a dictatorship'

NAGA, Philippines (AP) — President Corazon Aquino, addressing a rally in support of her new constitution, pledged Saturday to step down as scheduled at the end of her six-year term in 1992.

again and tank you," Mrs. Aquino told about 6,000 people in Naga, 280 kilometres south east of Manila. "It will be up to you to choose your new president."

Naga was Mrs. Aquino's second stop Saturday on the first day of her month-long campaign in support of the draft constitution, which goes to the voters in a ratification plebiscite on Feb. 2...

The constitution gives Mrs. Aquino a six-year term until June 30, 1992 but bars her from running again. Despite opposition to the charter by leftist and rightist critics, presidential aides have predicted an overwhelming "yes" vote in the plebiscite.

Crowds in Naga and Legazpi, her first stop, were smaller than had been expected.

Provincial Gov. Crispin Rayala had predicted 20,000 would turn out in Legazpi, in south eastern Luzon's Bicol region some 350 kilometres sonth east of Manila. Police there estimated the crowd at 10,000 to 15,000. Presidential aides said they had expected an even larger turnout at Naga. Bicol is also a stronghold of the

Communist New People's Army. The draft charter limits the president and vice president to one six-year term. Marcos

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (R)-

Hotel fire rose to 95, as arson

investigators were still uncertain

what caused the New Year's Eve

disaster, the city's police chief

The toll made it the second

worst hotel fire in U.S. history,

topped only by a blaze on Dec. 7,

1946, which killed 119 at the

Police Superintendent Carlos

Lopez Feliciano called the figure

said at an evening news hriefing

that investigators will continue to

Feliciano said 27 of the dead

had been positively identified,

many of them were hotel workers

devices were found in ashes.

said. "There could be an arson in

More than 100 witnesses were

look for bodies.

December 1971

devices.

the incident."

Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta.

Puerto Rican hotel fire

death toll rises to 95

"In 1992, I will face you once because it does not require Mrs. Aguino to submit to new elections. They claim no one can say conclusively who won the Feb. 7 balloting in which both candidates claimed victory.

Leftists have charged that the draft is "pro-imperialist," and the country's largest lahour federation, the May 1st Movement, opposes it.

Presidential aides said Mrs. Aquino will campaign in various Philippine cities every weekend until the plebiscite. During Saturday's rallies, Mrs.

Aquino and her accompanying cabinet ministers told crowds that the new constitution will bring political stability and economic progress to the country.

Mrs. Aquino also promised new government economic development projects at both stops and warned of dire consequences if the constitution were rejected.

"This is also for our children, so they can live in freedom at all times and so no dictator can ever rule over us again," Mrs. Aquino told the crowd at Legazpi.

In Legazpi, Mrs. Aquino announced that the Bicol region would receive 2.4 billion pesos (\$120 million) in economic aid this year, an increase of 33 per loyalists oppose the charter cent over the 1986 allotment.

She said the money would go to ministers from her cabinet and new roads, wells and irrigation.

Rural development lies at the heart of the government's Pimentel, to a new post of programme for ending the presidential adviser. 18-year Communist rebellion.
Talks between the government and the rebel National Democratic Front (NDF) are to

Mr. Enrile called on Filipinos to reject President Corazon Aquino's draft constitution and do away with Mrs. Aquino's begin next Tuesday.

Mrs. Aquino's ministers believe that rural poverty has helped fuel the Communist rebellion. But NDF negotiators have dismissed the government's offers of economic development as bribery" and have called for widespread land redistribution, closing of U.S. military bases and a transition government as conditions for a peace accord.

President Aquino on Saturday appointed Franklin M. Drilon as minister of labour to replace Augusto Sanchez, Mrs. Aquino spokesman Teodoro Benigno

Mr. Drilon had been deputy minister under Mr. Sanchez, who stepped down last month.

The appointment of the 41-year-old Mr. Drilon was expected to complete the cabinet reorganisation begun by Mrs. Aguino in November following the removal of Mr. Juan Ponce Enrile as defence minister.

Mrs. Aquino asked all her 25 cabinet ministers to submit resignations on Nov. 23 after a reported coup attempt by dissident officers loyal to Mr.

Later she dropped two other

Soviets deliver MiG-29s to India

NEW DELHI, India (AP)— The memorandum of understanding Force, which also has included first batch of Soviet-built MiG-29 with the Soviet Union for the purchased MiG-23s and fighter jets purchased by India has arrived and Soviet technicians are assembling the planes at a government facility, the United News of India (UNI) reported Governments Minister Aquilino Saturday.

India is the first country ontside the Soviet Union to get the sophisticated fighter.

The jets were shipped to the port of Bombay in semi-constructed sections and have been transported to an aeronautics centre for assembly and testing, the news agency said. It did not say when the shipment arrived or how many jets were involved. Feb. 2 plebiscite to "ensure the

A.K. Roy, spokesman for the Indian Defence Department, declined comment on the UNI

India last July signed a

leader Mikhail Gorbachev visited India in November. Indian defence officials say the

Soviet jets are needed to counter the supply of F-16 fighters by the United States to neighbouring .Pakistan, India's traditional rival. UNI described the MiG-29 as more than a match for the

purchase of about 40 MiG-29s.

The jets originally were to be

delivered starting next April, but a

faster delivery schedule was

announced shortly before Soviet

India already is building MiG-27s under license from the Soviet Union and plans to construct its own MiG-29s. Since the 1960s, the MiG-21 has been

purchased MiG-23s and

Although India has turned more to the West for weaponry in recent years, the Soviet Union continues to provide at least 60 per cent of its military equipment.
UNI said the Soviet-built

MiG-29s were being assembled at the Nasik unit of the government-rnn Hindustan Aeronautics Limited. Nasik is 140 kilometres north east of Bombav.

A team of Soviet aeronautical engineers and technical experts American F-16s supplied to were at the plant to assemble the jets, the news agency said. Soviet pilots will test the fighters before they are handed over to the Indian Air Force, it said.

Indian pilots currently are in the Soviet Union training to fly the the mainstay of the Indian Air jets.

officials said Saturday.

Mankhurd.

There were no reports of

injuries in the blaze in Bombay's

north eastern suburb of

Bombay firemen blamed the blaze, which started late Friday,

on a lit cigarette apparently

thrown near a leaking pipeline

The state-owned Hindustan

that runs through the shun.

Honduran babies adopted for body

TEGUCIGALPA (R) -Foreigners have adopted Honduran babies and then sold their body parts for use in organ transplants, a Honduran official said in a newspaper interview. Leonardo Villeda Bermudez. secretary general of the National Social Welfare Commission, said many of the babies had physical deformities. "At first it was believed that they were noble people who took these children because they really felt affection for them." Villeda said in an interview with La Tribuna newspaper. "But with time it was. discovered that they wanted to sell them for parts." "For example, they would take out their eyes for needy children and use them m body parts trafficking..., he said. He said the practice was discovered by government investigators and that adoption procedures had been tightened to prevent such practices.

1,000-year-old mosque found on Kenyan coast

The fire spread quickly in the NAIROB1 (R) -- Archaeologists surrounding areas, burning bundreds of shacks, firemen said. have discovered the ruins of a 1,000-year-old mosque on the At least 20 fire engines were Kenyan coast, the oldest known sent to the scene and brought the trace of Islamic culture in East blaze under control after three Africa, Richard Wilding, head of coastal archaeology at the National Museum of Kenya,, has said. The mosque, believed to date from around 950 A.D., was found among the ruins of a small trading community on Pate Island, near the Somali border, he told Reuters by telephone from the port city of Mombasa, It was a small rectangular building with stone foundations, discovered beneath a mosque of later construction. he added. The mosque was discovered by a team from Oxford University in Britain, led by Dr. Mark Horton, and excavations are continuing. The trading settlement. was a small community, which mostly consisted of indigenous blacks, but probably a few Arab traders from southern Arabia as well, Wilding said. Ancient chronicles in the Arab World record traders visiting the east coast of Africa as centuries A.D. But Wilding said Pate Island settlement was the oldest archaeological evidence of their presence in the area so far.

Taiwanese comedian stabbed on stage

NEW YORK (AP) - A well-known Taiwanese comedian was attacked on stage following a variety show and suffered superficial stab wounds, police and a witness said. Police Sgt. Ed Burns said a Manhattan man was arrested and charged with assault in connection with the incident. Burns said Cahiang Kuang-Chao, 52, of Taiwan, who was the featured act of the Night of Dragon variety show in Town Hall, was attacked as he stood on the stage following his final bow.. Norman Wong, a reporter for the China Daily News who witnessed the attack, said Chiang's assailant quietly snuck up on the stage, walked in front of Chiang and punched him. Later, it turned out he was carrying knives." Chiang, who suffered superificial wounds to his chest, was taken to St. Clare's Hospital in fair condition,

Teenager reports killing 3 relatives

Burns said.

SKAMANIA, Washington (AP)

A teen-ager told police more than 160 kilometres from Skamania that he'd killed his mother, sister and stepfather in the town, and police arrested him after finding the bodies, authorities said. Skamania County Sheriff Raymond Blaisdell said in a telephone interview Thursday night that the youth, who was not identified and had not been charged, had visited the Long Beach Police Station on the south west Washington coast, 177 kilometres from Skamania. In the course of a conversation on another matter, the youth told officers he had killed someone in Skamania County, Blaisdell said. Based on information provided by the youth, a sheriff's deputy found the bodies of James Butler, 48; his wife Margaret, 35; and her 18-year-old danghter, Amy Stevenson. All three had been shot to death in an apparent family dispute in their home, the sheriff's statement said. Blaisdell refused to specify the nature of the dispute but said the shooting occurred in the Butler residence.

Another top Sikh extremist escapes CHANDIGARH, India (AP)—A Punjab Police Chief Julius development, more than 2,500 Ribeiro on Friday ordered slum dwellers were left homeless as a raging fire in a leaking diesel pipeline destroyed hundreds of

Sikh extremist accused of leading a massacre of 22 Hindu bus passengers fled from police. custody in Punjab state, United New of India (UNI) reported Saturday.

Manjit Singh was the second Sikh militant to escape from police custody this week. Both the extremists were under heavy police guard and fled when they were allowed to walk to riverbeds to relieve themselves. -

Manjit Singh escaped Thursday while being transported by police from the Sikh holy city of Amritsar to nearby Hoshiarpur, where he was to appear in court for the bus slayings, UNI reported. There was no explanation for the delay by police

in reporting the incident. Sikh leader Roshan Lal Bairagi escaped in the same area on Thursday as he was being transported to Amritsar from New

Tutu urges

majority

rule in

S. Africa

MELBOURNE (R) - South

African anti-apartheid

campaigner Archbishop Desmond Tutu said Saturday that

hlack majority rule in other

nations had not led to a

Tutu, here on a two-week visit,

told newsmen that white South

Africans feared they would

discrimination against whites.

reform its apartheid policy.

"We don't want apartheid

reformed - who wants a

Frankenstein reformed—we want

apartheid destroyed," he added.

in South Africa was deteriorating

fast while President P.W. Botha

tried to blame the United States

for imposing economic sanctions.

Tutu, awarded the Nobel Peace

Tutu said the domestic situation

Bairagi escaped.

Bairagi was wanted in 26 Sikh

Manjit Singh, arrested on Dec.

Militant Sikhs have been waging a five-year guerrilla war for an independent homeland in Punjab. Sikh attacks claimed more than 700 lives in Punjab in 1986, and at least ten have died

disciplinary action against the policemen from whose custody makeshift dwellings in a slum on the outskirts of Bombay, fire

terrorism cases. He had been arrested on Dec. 11 in New Delhi. According to police, Manjir Singh led the Nov. 30 attack on the bus near the village of Khudda, east of Amritsar. Male Hindu passengers were segregated from others on the bus and 22 were shot to death.

18 in Amritsar, faced several other charges of murder and

Petroleum Pipeline takes diesel 125 kilometres south west from Meanwhile in a separate Bombay to Pune. India asked not to return

asked India not to return arms seized from Tamil guerrillas fighting to set up an independent state on the island, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said

Hameed when he summoned Indian High Commissioner Jyothodra Nath Dicit Friday to inquire about Indian press reports that the arms were to be returned to the rebels.

become victims of another form of apartheid under black majority "There's no guarantee we can give them that it won't happen, except to point to the fact that it hasn't happened in Kenya and Zimbabwe," Tutu said.

He said some countries believed Pretoria needed more time to

Mr. Hameed told the high commissioner that Colombo

hours, firemen said.

Saturday.

He said the request was made
hy Foreign Minister Shahul

A large quantity of sophisticated weapons, including surface-to-air missiles, AK47 rifles, machine-guns, grenades and ammunition, was seized by the Indian police in early November from guerrilla hideouts in the south Indian city of Madras.

Mr. Dixit said the Indian government had taken no decision to return the weapons, the spokesman said.

appreciated India's efforts to help-

weapons 'would not be a healthy development," the spokesman

He said: "The minister stressed that such a development should be avoided.

self-imposed exile in Madras. India is mediating between them and the Colombo government.

Tamil militants refused to react

to the government's decision to cut off the supply of petrolcum products to the Jaffna peninsula, their stronghold in the north.

petrol and diesel supplies to the north had been stopped from Friday following an announcement by the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eclam (LTTE)

the LTTE's deputy commander m Jaffna, declined to comment when contacted hy Reuters by telephone about the government's

a charity blocked in U.S.

State Department blocked a plan to declare the main Nicaraguan rebel group a charitable organisation, which would have made it eligible to receive food for peace assistance from the government, according to a published report Saturday.

to do anything with it was a straight political decision.... It was

International Development.

officials quoted by the newspaper. However, aid officials, according to anonymous sources quoted by the Post, recoiled from the idea, fearing it would harm the agency's credibility as a humanitarian organisation. Aid officials told embassy officials in

contra rebels fighting Nicaragua's government on Friday issued a statement denying that he had discussed the arms supply operations with Vice President George Bush. Felix Rodriguez, also known as Max Gomez, had the statement

read by his uncle, Miami Attorney Fernando Mendigutia, on the Spanish language station WSCV-TV. In the statement, Rodriguez said he had spoken with the

(FBI) about his contacts with Mr. Bush and was making a statement to correct erroneous media speculation. Mr. Bush on Dec. 15 said he had

met three times with Rodriguez, and discussed only the in argency m El Salvador.

were operations regarding Nicaraguan freedom fighters discussed or mentioned in any

El Salvador in 1985 to help that government implement a helicopter programme to cope

with the Selvadorean guerrillas. At the end of 1985, "I was marginally involved with the Nicaraguan freedom fighters. I never had any knowledge of how they received their funds, nor did I

Eugene Hasenfus, the American gunrunner captured and convicted by the Sandinista government of Nicaragua, said a man who called himself "Gomez" was one of two CIA men running

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♣KJ5 SOUTH 432 VAK 1098 4Q95 The bidding:

Opening lead: King of &

This defensive problem from Eddie Kantar's new book ("A New Approach to Play and Defense," H.D.L. Publishing, paperback, 212 pp., \$9.95. Available from the author, P.O. Box 4127, Venice Calif. 90291-0427) is the defensive companion hand to the one that appeared in Wednesday's column. Cover the West and South hands and see how you would fare as

West attacks with the king, are and jack of diamonds. Declarer drops the queen on the second

He added that FBI officials had

Mr. Rosario said. He dismissed as rumours the reports of incendiary devices found in the casino rubble, and said he had received no reports

The highest death toll in a hotel hlaze was in Seoul, South Korea, from the scene that "anything of a at the Hotel Dacyungak, when 165 people were killed in criminal nature has been found." Governor Rafael Hernandez Colon said: "We would all hope there is no criminal responsibility here. However, the fact that ... (arson) is under investigation is

among those identified so far, he Hector Rivera-Cruz, Puerto caunot fix responsibility on the

Rico's attorney general, said investigators were looking for evidence of arson as a reporters Friday after an possible cause of the fire. But he declined to say whether they had found remains of incendiary There were reports that evidence of four incendiary blaze. Plags flew at the half-staff

across the island. "At this moment we are not The governor called the ecumenical service a "fitting

tragedy. "Amid this terrible ordeal we draw strength and sustenance from the remarkable community

another spade. This time partner produces the jack, dummy's queen

wins and on the ten of spades part-

ner discards a diamond. Now de

clarer leads a low club from the

What is declarer's distribution?

Declarer's hand counts out to

3-5-2-3. To defeat the contract,

your side must collect two club

tricks, so the one card you cannot

If partner has the queen of clubs,

It makes no difference what you do, so assume that declarer holds

the lady. If you duck smoothly, de-clarer will probably play the eight

to try to end play your partner and

go down. If you play the jack, de-clarer might play you for the jack-

ten and duck, then try to finesse

the nine when you return the five

of clubs. That also dooms the

beat declarer by honest means, try

s swindle. And when sitting behind

an ace with the king, don't always

fly up with his majesty when a low card is led away from the ace. If

you need two Iricks in the suit,

diamond holding Wednesday with the club holding on this hand. Now

perhaps you see why we like this

By the way, compare declarer's

Key lesson pointers: If you can't

contract.

play low.

book so much.

Which club do you play?

afford to play is the king!

interviewed, but Mr. Rivera said none was considered suspects. effort to rescue the victims and reach out to the survivors," Mr. Officials will not complete their

BY CHARLES GORES

mvestigation for several days, he Hernandez said.

LUCKY SPADES

NOATE

An FBI agent, D. Rosario, said The death toll in the Dupont Plaza in a telephone interview that the investigation was going slowly because of the possibility of the interior of the building collapsing and a need to make careful technical studies.

found no indication of an incendiary device in the building. "As of this moment, no evidence has been found of what the cause was of this fire ... whether criminal or accidental."

of 95 dead "a final count," but

hut at least two Americans were due to the teuse labour situation that existed in the hotel," He quickly added, though: "we

union or anybody else." Mr. Hernandez spoke to hour-long memorial service at the governor's mansion attended by hundreds of people, including friends and relatives of the victims, as well as survivors of the

dismissing the possibility of a ecumenical service a "fitting criminal act," Mr. Rivera-Cruz tribute to victims of the hotel

Only one poster was left. This praised the official Peking Daily

for what it called the first accurate report in the official press during a. month of student unrest. Students at the campus said there might be no more

nationwide campus unrest.

for inaccurate reporting of

classmates.

tore down all illegal posters but release of at least 24 classmates one at Peking University after held after a New Year's Day 1,000 students there defied demonstration in the square. authorities with a march to Tiananmen Square Friday morning to secure the release of the second day running. Witnesses said the posters had called for democracy and press freedom. One had urged law students to sue the official media

As university authorities tried to eradicate the remnants of student unrest from the campus walls, China's official press Saturday tried to blunt the victory

in a front-page interview with the Communist Party's People's

Prize two years ago, is here at the invitation of the Uniting Church hecause of pressure of examinations this month and a Daily. Council of Youth.

Two days ago President Augusto Pinochet announced the government would allow the majority of Chile's several

Santiago's image abroad, he also said that a state of siege in effect since September 1986 would expire next week.

by the Interior Ministry which was instructed by Gen. Pinochet to finish the vetting process within 90 days. The 71-year-old president said only a "small minority" considered a serious threat to national security would continue to be barred.

Meanwhile, security authorities announced that the curfew was being suspended immediately in Santiago and the coastal province of San Antonio, the only regions in which it was still being applied. The curfew, between 2 a.m. and 5 a.m., had been in force since

November 1984. In a year-end address on Wednesday Gen. Pinochet announced the decisions on the return of exiles and the state of siege, imposed in September only hours after an attempt on the president's life.

military government has said it the measures appeared to mark an was lifting a two-year-old attempt by the military night-time curfew and released a government to improve its international image, which has been tarnished by repeated accusations of buman rights violations.

The 71-year-old Pinochet, in power since a 1973 coup, also repeated promises to produce a long-proposed law legalising non-Marxist political parties early

Gen. Pinochet said he was acting out of a desire to promote national unity and diminish "hate,

meeting in Geneva next month. would have tried to take a couple

of pre-emptive strikes to ward off the criticism," one European diplomat said.

welcomed by church leaders. "I give thanks to God because justice is finally being done to a large group of Chileans...," said Bishop Tomas Gonzalez from Chile's southern-most province of Magallanes.

totalling around 3,500 according to the government's own figures. Diplomats and human rights workers hailed the move but said the entire exile system should be ended.

"It is very positive. But the

government is still saying it has the right to decide who can live in the country..." said German Molina, national secretary of the Chilean Human Rights Commission. Gen. Pinochet said the state of siege, first imposed for 90 days and then renewed for one month

The attempt on the president's life, the first he had suffered, was claimed by the Manuel Rodriguez Patriotic Front (FPMR). Five alleged members of the

m Santiago, had achieved its

FPMR have been arrested and charged with taking part in the attack, in which five of Gen. Pinochet's bodyguards died. Five opposition magazines have been prevented from publishing under state-of-siege regulations,

rounded up in the early days of the measure have bene released. The lifting of the state of siege still leaves the military with a powerful hattery of measures that it can apply against its opponents, diplomats said.

but all government opponents

with only a brief interruption since the 1973 coup, remains in force, giving the government wide powers to arrest opponents and restrict information, movement

Elliot Abrams, aasistant secretary of state for mter-American affairs, said in an

more than the traffic will bear The embassy raised the idea last

approved \$100 million in military and other aid, the newspaper said.

Defining the United
Nicaraguan Opposition (UNO),
the political and military arm of
the contrars, as a "private
voluntary organisation" would
have made it eligible for food for have made it eligible for food for peace funds from the Agency for

The idea was to provide money to the rebels for an estimated 50,000 to 70,000 refugees in Honduras who are not in U.N.-sponsored camps, said unidentified State Department

early November not to proceed with the plan.

Meanwhile a former CIA official involved in supplying the

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Rodriguez in his statement said of the three meetings that "at no time, on any of these occasions,

Rodriguez said he had gone to

have any control over the personnel of this group," he said.

the supply operation.

GOREN BRIDGE

leading a spade to the king and ace, North-South vulnerable. declarer draws two rounds of trumps, ending in hand, and leads

round and ruffs the third. After

U.S. meddling in talks The front called the conference Communist rebels said upcoming to release a letter containing its peace talks with the government formal reply to government of President Corazon Aquino lack proposals for economic, social and

Filipino rebels denounce

"basic common ground," and accused the United States of meddling in the negotiating lay down their arms.

rebel panels would he able to

other reforms. The proposals are aimed at convincing the rebels to told a news conference he was confident that government and

PEKING(R)-Officials Saturday feeling of victory in

On Friday, chief government But National Democratic Front negotiator Teofisto Guingona (NDF) negotiator Satur Ocampo released his panel's response to the NDF, rejecting rebel demands for a power-sharing agreement. But Mr. Ocampo added, "we

reassigned a third, Local

Mr. Enrile called on Filipinos to

In a speech in Zamboanga city,

on the southern island of

Mindanao, Mr. Enrile urged

voters to reject the charter in a

people of political, social and

economic stability in

Mr. Enrile is touring Mindanao

in what Manila newspapers said is

a campaign to organise a

right-wing opposition bloc to the

In speeches to Zamboanga civic

groups, Mr. Enrile said the

constitution should be turned

down because it was drafted by a

commission appointed by Mrs.

Agnino and not elected by the

He said that if the charter were

rejected, it would pave the way for

new presidential elections that

would put an end to Mrs. Aquino's

"I appeal to all freedom-and

peace-loving Filipinos to reject

the revolutionary, dictatorship government of Corazon Aquino

which she is subtly trying to justify

by campaigning to the people to ratify the constitution," Mr.

Aquino government.

government.

government.

'revolutionary dictatorship."

are defining positions but so far we haven't closed the door, and that's hammer out an acceptable agenda for the talks when they meet on Officials tear down illegal posters at Peking University

> Students marched 15 kilor etres through the snow to Transmen Friday morning, defying a ban on protests there for

"The recent demonstrations show that the subjective will of students is mostly good, but their movements are overheated. I am not in favour," Lu Yizhong, a public official and lecturer at Xian Communications University, said

demonstrations in the near future

list of 227 exiles allowed to return home under a pledge to virtually end political banishment in three

thousand political exiles to return In one of a series of steps apparently aimed at improving

The 227 names were released

Commenting on Gen.

Chile lifts curfew; lists first returning exiles SANTIAGO (R) - Chile's Pinochet's address, diplomats said his exiled political opponents,

this year.

divisions and anger." Pope John Paul, who has frequently spoken out against systems of exile, is due to make the first papal visit to Chile in April, and the government also faces the possibility of fresh condemnation when the U.N. Human Rights Commission holds its annual "If I were in government, I

The decision to bring the system of exile to a virtual end was

A state of emergency, applied Although he did not say how many would be permitted to return, Gen. Pinochet said the measure would cover a majority of and assembly.

arms seized from Tamils COLOMBO (R)- Sri Lanka has ethnic problem but returning the added.

Tamil leaders are living in

A government spokesman said

guerrilla group that it would collect vehicle licensing fees in Kanagaratnam, Alias Raheem,

find a solution to Sri Lanka's move. Plans to declare contras

WASHINGTON (AP) - The

interview with the Washington Post that the idea from the U.S. embassy in Honduras seemed very appropriate and very legal." But, he said, "the decision not

summer at a time when the rebels appeared to be running out of money and Congress had not yet